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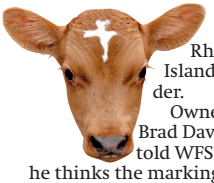
## Holy Moses, a message from above?

**FARM** A holy cow in Connecticut, perhaps?

A calf with a white marking on its forehead in the approximate shape of a cross was born last week at a dairy farm in Sterling, a small rustic town on the



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Owner Brad Davis told WFSB-TV he thinks the marking may be a message from above, though he's still trying to figure out what that message might be.

The mostly brown calf is half Jersey, half Holstein. Neighborhood children have named it Moses.

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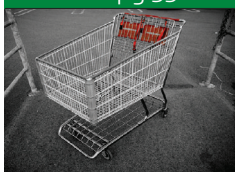

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## New Boss on Bloor Street

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Outdoors **Ruff weather**

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Currie, a nine-year-old Havanese, waits miserably to get back inside its owner's home yesterday in the Riverdale area. The first storm of the season caused travel nightmares and traffic headaches across southern Ontario. More coverage, page 3.

# Afghan about-face

## Top soldier undercuts Tories in detainee controversy

**The country's top military commander reversed himself yesterday and put rising pressure on the government with the explosive assertion that a beaten and bloodied Canadian-captured prisoner was abused by Afghan authorities prior to 2007.**

The stunning about-face by Gen. Walt Natynczyk — who had earlier insisted Canadians had not detained the suspected Taliban in June 2006 — undercuts one of the Conservative government's key lines of defence in the widening controversy over the handling of insurgent prisoners.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay has categorically insisted "there is not a single, proven allegation" of abuse prior to 2007.

Gen. Walt Natynczyk

Prime Minister Stephen Harper brushed aside the revelation by saying it "confirms what we have been saying all along."

But in a recalibration of the government's position, Harper told the House of Commons the military acted when it uncovered "substantive evidence" of abuse. Previously, Harper and MacKay have said there was no such evidence.

Natynczyk's revelation also raises questions about whether Canada violated international law by continuing to transfer prisoners to Afghan custody after it had evidence of abuse.

The general said he's ordered a board of inquiry investigation into why neither he, nor his predecessor, Rick Hillier, saw a platoon commander's report that detailed the prisoner's capture. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## If the glove fits, build it in Ontario

Ontario will try to make sure clothing for the 2015 Pan Am Games will be made in Canada after some provincial politicians were criticized for wearing Vancouver Olympic mittens manufactured in China.

Liberal backbencher Jean Marc Lalonde organized a photo opportunity with members from all three parties wearing the Olympic mitts and brought them into the legislature in a show of support for Canadian athletes.

But the NDP complained the mitts, issued by the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee, should have been made in Canada.

Lalonde said he was disappointed to find there were no Canadian-made mitts, adding he searched for other options but could only find the ones at Hudson's Bay Co., which holds the contract for Olympic clothing.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath says it's yet another example of why the province needs a Buy Ontario policy, and says she hopes the government will have a procurement policy in place for 2015.

The Vancouver Olympic organizing committee has said all the clothing worn by athletes will be made in Canada, but 75 per cent of the retail versions will be manufactured overseas.

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NDP Leader Andrea Horwath believes the province should have a Buy Ontario policy.

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## Ryerson appoints Newman to J-school

**Veteran journalist and author Peter C. Newman, left, has been appointed a visiting professor of distinction at Ryerson University. His appointment is to both the Ted Rogers School of Management and the School of Journalism in the Faculty of Communication and Design. Newman will deliver lectures and seminars to students in journalism and business courses and give two public lectures in the winter term. The former editor-in-chief of the Toronto Star and Maclean's magazine has published 24 books, won a dozen literary prizes and is a companion of the Order of Canada.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A woman shields herself from the rain yesterday while walking across a snow-lined street in Toronto. The city's first storm of the year dropped as much as 10 centimetres of snow in some places, but tapered off to rain by midday.

# Late, not never

## First snowstorm of season dumps 10cm

**A miserable mixture of snow, rain and sleet led to cancelled flights in Ontario and havoc on highways as people in the province experienced a long-overdue dose of winter-like weather.**

Snow fell across southern Ontario late Tuesday night, transforming into a cold sleet by yesterday morning.

The wild weather was a nightmare for commuters, as drivers skidded into guard rails and drove into ditches.

"Blowing snow, ice, rain, pellets, heavy snowfall, throughout the morning, whiteouts — you name it — we've had a bit of everything," said Ontario Provincial Police Sgt. Dave Woodford.

About four to eight centimetres of snow fell across the city overnight, while 10 centimetres of snow was recorded north of the city in York Region.

Salt trucks and plows were out most of yesterday morning to clean up the streets before the evening rush hour.

People were scrambling to find alternative travel plans after Toronto Pearson International Airport and Toronto Island Airport cancelled flights.

"It looks like there will be 100 cancelled flights throughout the entire day today," said Trish Krale, Greater Toronto Airport Authority spokeswoman.

The chilly weather was an abrupt change from the mild temperatures of last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Winter wreaks havoc on transit

TTC What a mess. No, no, not the snow.

Thousands of people were caught in massive subway delays yesterday morning as TTC workers dealt with signal problems, fainting passengers and broken train doors.

The season's first snowfall brought an influx of passengers through the subway system, which, combined with the signal problems at Eglinton and Bloor stations, caused the backups. A typical 17-minute journey to Bloor station from Finch took 50 minutes.

**"As inconvenient as it is for people, safety has to reign."** Brad Ross, TTC

The platforms were overcrowded. People were impatient. Several fainted, causing further delays.

"In the morning, in particular, what we see are passengers fainting — and I'm not blaming them, but they don't have breakfast," said TTC spokesperson Brad Ross. "They come in with low blood pressure combined with close quarters and overheating causes people to feel ill and faint."

At one point, Eglinton station was evacuated so police could investigate a suspected gas leak after three people had fainted. Trains bypassed the station for about seven minutes before a safety official determined there was no leak and the incidents were isolated.

Anxious and aggravated passengers would squeeze onto at-capacity trains, triggering safety mechanisms in the doors and causing even more delays in stations throughout the city.

Adding to the mayhem, smoke was detected on the tracks at Pape and Union stations. There were no fires but emergency crews had to ensure passenger safety inside the tunnel, causing a 24-minute delay at Pape.

"As inconvenient as it is for people, safety has to reign," Ross said.

"Yeah, it's frustrating, it's hot, and it's noisy. (But) for the most part our customers understand that transit systems around the world have operational and mechanical difficulties. Today was a particularly difficult one for everybody." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Bomb threat evacuates TSX, no explosives found

The Toronto Stock Exchange was evacuated for a couple hours yesterday due to a bomb threat.

Spokeswoman Carolyn Quick said the switchboard received the call at about 12:30 p.m. and phoned police, who then ordered the evacuation.

The three floors the TMX Group Inc. occupies were evacuated and employees were allowed to return after the all-clear at about 2:20 p.m.

Toronto police Const. Wendy Drummond said officers searched and found "absolutely no evidence of any type of explosive."

Trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange was not affected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Man found dead after bar shooting**

One man is dead and another is wounded following a shooting early yesterday in northwest Toronto. Police were called to a bar parking lot near Wilson Avenue and Highway 400 at about 3:15 a.m and found one man dead in the parking lot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Teen spotted in Alberta again?

**MISSING** For the third time in a week, RCMP in Alberta are reporting that a woman matching the description of missing Toronto teenager Mariam Makhniashvili has been sighted in the province.

This time the sighting was in Hinton, a town in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains about 280 kilometres west of Edmonton, last Monday, Nov. 30.

Mariam Makhniashvili

Police declined to say where exactly the woman was sighted or what she was doing. They emphasized that the tip was unconfirmed.

The report comes on the heels of another sighting on Wednesday of last week, when a member of the public believed they had seen the woman at a hotel in Grande Prairie, a small city 330 kilometres north of Hinton.

When police checked the Best Western Grande Prairie Inn and Suites, they found no sign of Makhniashvili.

RCMP also reported an unconfirmed sighting during the last week in October, when a woman matching Makhniashvili's description was seen selling dream catchers at a mall in Okotoks, a bedroom community south of Calgary.

The teen has been missing since Sept. 14, when she vanished shortly after reaching Forest Hill Collegiate, where she went to school.

Despite a massive search of her neighbourhood, garbage dumps and nearby parks, police have been unable to find any trace of her, save for her backpack, which was discovered several blocks from the school.

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## 3 taken to hospital after car crash

**CRASH** An 89-year-old woman wasn't wearing a seatbelt when she was ejected from a car Tuesday afternoon.

The woman was riding in the back seat of a Volkswagen Passat that made a left turn into the path of an oncoming Sable on Finch Avenue East at Don Mills Road shortly before 3 p.m.

The Sable hit the Passat in the rear door, crushing it and spinning the car across the intersection. The elderly woman was thrown through the smashed window and suffered a serious head injury.

The woman was taken to hospital, along with the Passat's 70-year-old driver and a 20-year-old woman driving the Sable, said Const. Hugh Smith.

All three are expected to live.

Police have determined the 70-year-old was at fault for the crash by making an unsafe left turn when the other car had the right of way.

The driver will be charged once she is released from hospital.

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# Province approves HST

## Finance minister says new tax scheme will create jobs

**The political drama surrounding Ontario merging its sales tax with the federal GST culminated yesterday with the Liberal government passing the harmonized sales tax into law.**

The move, bitterly opposed by the Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats, saw the province join Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador in the national HST club.

The 13 per cent tax comes into effect July 1, 2010 — the same date British Columbia is set to also merge its provincial tax with the GST.

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- The House of Commons voted 253-37 yesterday in favour of the harmonized sales tax for both Ontario and British Columbia.

The HST is critical to help reposition Ontario as it comes out of a recession in which the province lost hundreds of thousands of jobs, Premier Dalton McGuinty said in an interview from Mumbai, India, where he is on a trade mission.

"I think people understand in their heart of hearts that our world has changed and the old world is not coming back," McGuinty told The Canadian Press.

"There are a number of things that we need to do to adjust to the new reality and secure a better future for our families, and one of those is to put in place a modern, competitive tax system."

TANYA TALAGA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tory MPPs Randy Hillier and Bill Murdoch, wearing a kilt in Ontario's official tartan, staged a 44-hour occupation of the legislature last week in protest of the HST.

The road to yesterday's vote in the Ontario legislature, which the majority Liberals won handily, was a bumpy one.

Opposition parties have labelled harmonization a massive tax grab because it will increase the cost of many items, such as gas and home heating fuel, that were previously exempt from the provincial levy.

The government line, that blending the GST with the eight per cent provincial sales tax will reduce costs for businesses, allowing them to lower prices for consumers and hire more staff, was repeated by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan before the vote.

"Doing nothing is not an option (and) the status quo is just absolutely the wrong thing," Duncan said during third reading debate.

"This package will create jobs." THE CANADIAN PRESS

### How the new harmonized tax will affect you

**GOODS AND SERVICES** When the 13 per cent harmonized sales tax comes into effect next July, items and services will be taxed differently in Ontario. Here's how it breaks down:

**Items and services previously exempted from the PST, but that will now rise eight per cent because of the HST:** Electricity; home heating fuels; gasoline; tobacco; Internet access fees; professional services such as legal accounting and real estate fees and personal services such as hair cuts and dry cleaning.

**Items that are exempt from the HST:** Basic groceries; child care services; municipal water; most health-care services; certain medical devices; most educational services; municipal public transportation; auto insurance; mortgage interest costs; residential rent; prescription drugs; pharmacist dispensing fees; music lessons; and adult incontinence products.

**Items that will be exempt from Ontario's portion of the HST:** Books; children's clothing and footwear; child car booster seats; diapers; feminine hygiene products; print newspapers; and prepared foods costing under $4.

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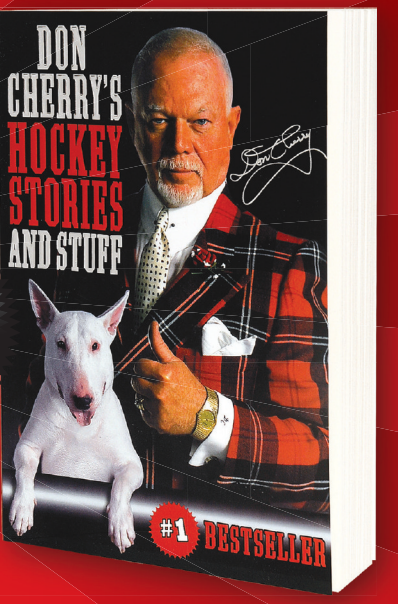


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**York to close all H1N1 clinics**

York Region will close all five of its H1N1 immunization clinics Sunday. Clinics in Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan will close at 5 p.m., while the Georgina clinic closed last night. Vaccines will be available at family doctors after the clinics close. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Reputation 'severely' hurt

## Miller says developing countries questioning Harper's stance

Go Green

**The federal government's position on climate change is damaging Canada's international status, Mayor David Miller said on the eve of his departure for the Copenhagen climate change conference.**

"Our reputation for being a progressive country is being severely harmed internationally," Miller told reporters yesterday.

"I'm the chairman of an international group of cities — 20 from developed countries and 20 from developing (countries)," he said.

"If you listen to mayors from developing countries, they're incredibly passionate because they're seeing the flooding — they're seeing the results already from climate change, and they know we have to act.

"They're raising questions about Canada's position."

Since he took office, Miller has introduced a green plan for Toronto that sets ambitious targets for reducing emissions that lead to climate change, increasing so-called green energy usage and encouraging retrofitting of city homes and businesses to make them more energy-efficient.

The targets would be for both the city government itself and the community at large. He pledged to slash the city's greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent by 2020 and a whopping 80 per cent by 2050.

Miller this week signed a climate change petition and urged others to follow his example. The online petition, at www.hopenhagen.org, calls on governments to seal a climate change deal and to commit to binding targets for greenhouse gas reduction by 2020.

"Canadians need to speak up," he said. "We need to show the world leaders that actions are happening in Canada," he said.

"When our national government fails to lead, cities must lead. We can lead and we are leading."

Miller said he hopes the federal government will take a strong stance.

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Ahead of his trip to the Copenhagen UN climate change conference, Mayor David Miller took some time to criticize the Canadian government's environmental stance.

**"Canadians need to speak up. We need to show the world leaders that actions are happening in Canada."**
David Miller

# Facebook launches new privacy settings

SOCIAL NETWORKING Facebook has rolled out its promised changes to beef up privacy controls, allowing users to decide exactly who sees status updates, pictures and other content.

Facebook's 350 million users are now being prompted to update their privacy settings based on the new system of controls.

Users can choose to make their information accessible to anyone on the Internet, only friends, friends of friends, or only specific people.

Users can also choose to send content to all their friends with the exception of just one person or a few people — a boss, or an ex-boyfriend, perhaps.

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg signalled the changes were coming last week, saying many users asked for the enhanced privacy controls.

Jules Polonetsky, co-chairman and director at the Future of Privacy Forum think-tank in Washington, praised how the process resembles the way people decide what to share in their day-to-day lives. He said putting the controls "when you need it, right there, is far better than putting it in a 'privacy' or 'help' location" somewhere on the site.

The changes have no effect on advertising on the site, said Elliot Schrage, vice-president of global communications and public policy at Facebook.

But he added that by giving users such granular control over the content they share, Facebook is encouraging more sharing and a greater connection to the site.

"If users feel more confident with our service, they will use our service more," he said. "And the more they use our services the more benefits we derive."

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**Settings**

- Facebook said that until now only 15 to 20 per cent of its users have customized their privacy settings.

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Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi, right, presents the International Indian Film Academy trophy to Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty as fellow Bollywood actor Celina Jaitley looks on during a function in Mumbai, India yesterday. The IIFA announced that its 2011 awards will be held in Toronto.

# Toronto to host Indian film awards

**Toronto's selection as the host of the 2011 International Indian Film Academy Awards is a real "coup" for Ontario and comes because of the reputation of the city's annual international film festival, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.**

McGuinty was in Mumbai for the announcement that Toronto will be the first North American city to host the awards, which are held in a different city each year. "Our standing as the host of the Toronto International Film Festival put us in really good stead," the premier said.

"We have the know-how, we've got the experience and we've got the infrastructure. It's really quite an honour for us to score this coup."

**"When some of the Bollywood stars have been to Toronto ... they have been mobbed by a huge number of fans."**
Dalton McGuinty

The Indian Academy Awards will cap a four-day celebration of everything to do with Indian film, including a film festival and industry forum, to be held in Toronto June 16-19, 2011. Bollywood fans are expected to come out in big numbers for the event, said McGuinty.

"It brings with it a viewing audience in excess of 350 million to say nothing of 60,000 tourists who are drawn to this, and the 500 or so stars and producers and the like," he said.

"I don't think it hurts us at all that when some of the Bollywood stars have been to Toronto in the past they have been mobbed by a huge number of fans, particularly from the South Asian community.

"So they feel very much at home there."

The first International India Film Academy Awards were held at the Millennium Dome in London, England in 2000, and McGuinty said Bollywood is quickly becoming as mainstream as Hollywood.

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# Parrish wants apology from restaurant

**CONTROVERSY** Mississauga councillor Carolyn Parrish, who apologized by email to the owner of a Port Credit restaurant after ripping up a poster supporting Mayor Hazel McCallion, now wants an apology from the restaurateur.

"I would like him to have given me an opportunity to talk about it and keep my restaurant bills private," said Parrish, best known in her years as an MP for stomping on a George W. Bush doll for a Canadian comedy show and saying the U.S. was building a "coalition of idiots" for the Iraq war.

The brouhaha in Port Credit hit the front page of the Toronto Sun yesterday.

It all involves an incident last Thursday night, when Parrish and her husband, along with fellow councillor George Carlson and a customer that the chef, Louis Macerola, won't name, spent $288.47 on dinner and three bottles of wine before heading off in a limo to Andrea Bocelli's Toronto concert.

Carolyn Parrish

Macerola said one unused bottle was resealed and carried off by the fourth patron, who also paid the bill.

As hostess Deborah Poretta describes it, Parrish walked out the door, spotted the offending poster — promoting a rally a day earlier in support of McCallion, who is facing a judicial inquiry — and peeled off the poster taped to an inside window, tearing it into four pieces.

Parrish threw them on the floor and stepped on the pieces, with "a smirk and laughter," before disappearing into the night, Macerola added.

"It's disrespect to my restaurant, but more so, it's disrespectful to all the citizens of Mississauga," he said yesterday, six days after the post-meal histrionics. He added that Parrish is no longer welcome at his restaurant.

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**York Region sending trash to landfills instead of fuel plant: Investigation**

York Region has made major cuts to a "green" plan to turn garbage into fuel after a Toronto Star investigation found truckloads of waste were being dumped in landfills. The move saves taxpayers roughly $80,000 a month because the region has halved the amount of garbage it was sending to the Dongara Pellet Plant at a high premium. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Fathers cut from documents

**When Ontario opened its adoption records June 1, adult adoptees yearning for information about their birth parents applied in droves.**

But as the replies came back, it became clear something was missing: The names of their fathers.

From all the 250,000 Ontario adoption registrations, less than 10 per cent have fathers' names on them, according to the Ministry of Government Services.

Ruth Rideout was devastated by the omission. The 61-year-old adoptee received her statement of birth in October and found the father's section of the form blank, with a line drawn through it. "He is half of my biological make-up and I need to know if there are any illnesses, conditions," she says.

Rideout's birth mother recently died at age 81. It turns out legislation prohibited her mother from naming him.

Until the mid-1980s, an unmarried woman could not put her baby's father's name on the statement of birth unless she and the father made a statutory declaration that he be named, according to the Vital Statistics Act. The child was "illegitimate," a word that was not removed from the act until 1981.

But when unmarried women filled out the father's section anyway, it seems the information was removed — whited out, blacked out or covered up.

Mothers interviewed by the Toronto Star say they remember putting the names of their children's fathers on birth registration forms they filled out in hospitals many years ago. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Downtown **Pigeons take flight**

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A man feeds pigeons yesterday near a Christmas tree stand in Toronto.

## Vandals hit team dedicated to saving whooping cranes

**WILDLIFE** It is hard to believe that anybody trying to save whooping cranes from extinction might have enemies.

Joe Duff of Port Perry heads a non-profit group dedicated to helping the world's most famous endangered bird. Reduced to 15 known individuals in 1941, the whooping crane is also North America's tallest bird, standing 1.5 metres tall.

At the moment, Duff is leading 20 young cranes via aircraft in formation on their first 2,000-kilometre migration south.

But when somebody checked on the Wisconsin hangar Duff's team occupies three weeks ago, it was found wrecked. Vandals had slashed wings to four ultra-light aircraft, punctured tires, spray-painted walls, stole a few things and smashed a much loved whooping-crane sculpture built by one of the pilots.

Operation Migration, based in Port Perry north of Oshawa, will soon post a reward for information leading to an arrest, Duff said. General donations can be made at www.operationmigration.org.

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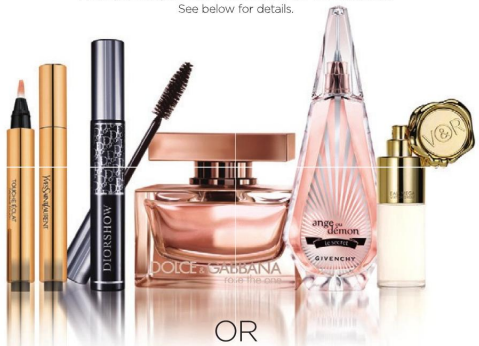

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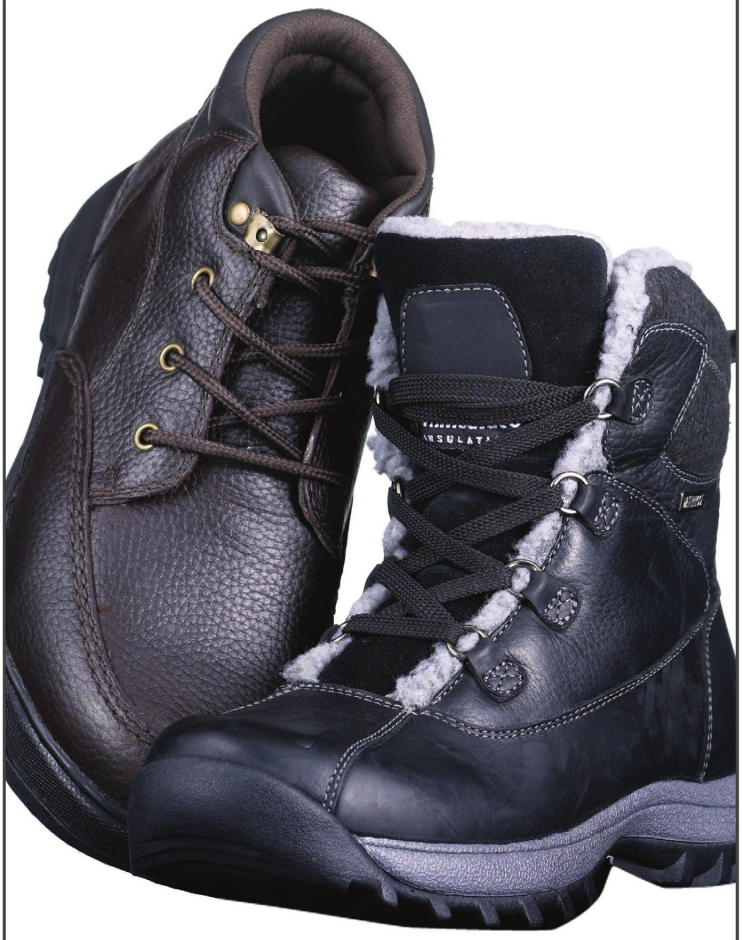

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# Zoo faces decision on elephant issue

## Activists say Toronto too cold for pachyderms

**The recent death of Tara the elephant at the Toronto Zoo leaves three remaining females — a number the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums describes as the minimum needed for the wellbeing of these herd-oriented, social animals.**

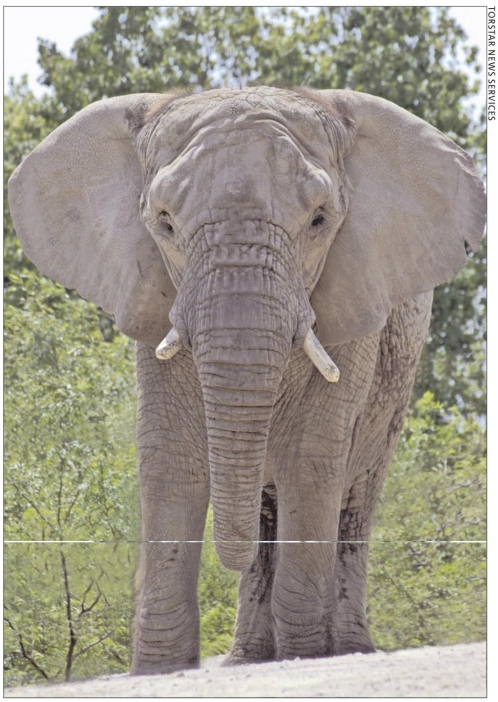
That leaves the zoo facing a decision soon: Import one or more from somewhere like South Africa where the government has lifted a ban on culling. Borrow a breeding elephant from another facility, such as the San Diego Zoo. Or get out of the elephant business altogether, a route for which some wildlife activists are arguing.

Tara died of natural causes at 41, leaving behind Thika, 29, Toka and Iringa, both about 40 — all past their ideal breeding age.

They may not have many more years, if they follow the trend among zoo elephants. In the past 3½ years, the Toronto Zoo has lost four between the ages of 38 and 41, including Tara, and seven in total under age 41 since 1984.

"The zoo can't keep them alive into middle age. That should be a red flag," argues Rob Laidlaw, executive director of Zoocheck, a wildlife protection charity. He wants to see Toronto follow the lead of a handful of U.S. zoos and ship the surviving elephants to a massive sanctuary in Tennessee or California.

"There they can live more normally, foraging, ripping down trees, roaming, doing what they're supposed to do," says Laidlaw, who adds Canada's climate isn't suitable for tropics-loving pachyderms.



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The recent death of Tara has left the Toronto Zoo with only three remaining female elephants.

Acting CEO Peter Evans says zoo staff will soon have a comprehensive report on the subject.

"We've done a lot of research … we are looking at all of our options," says Eric Cole, animal care supervisor for the zoo's African Savannah exhibit.

So far, however, the zoo board seems keen to keep them.

Coun. Raymond Cho, who chairs the board, expects the issue to come up at its meeting Friday.

"I don't want to see one day all of a sudden only one elephant left at the zoo," Cho added.

"The elephants we have at the zoo would have been poached, culled or otherwise killed if they'd been left in the wild," said Coun. Glenn DeBaeremaeker, another board member, who added the animals are getting a "gold standard" level of care. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# JobStart's services in high demand

**UNITED WAY** The recession has left an indelible mark on south Etobicoke, where factory closings have thrown more than 1,600 people from their jobs.

Some turned to JobStart, a United Way agency offering free career services to jobless youth, students, the disabled, adults and newcomers. With three locations in the city, the agency also works with employers to find and recruit workers.

"Absolutely everyone is affected by the economic situation," said Julia Knapp, director of programs. Last year, JobStart served over 7,000 new clients and more than 66,000 people used the employment resource centre.

**70%** The placement rate at JobStart is over 70 per cent and every summer more than 700 students find work.

In July, 65 per cent of clients on Employment Insurance attended its adult Career Solutions program, up from 38 per cent in April. More clients asked for skills upgrading, information about access to food banks and what they need to do to change careers.

Attendance is increasing at all agency workshops and programs. Among those asking for assistance are new immigrants whose numbers, according to 2006 census data for the area, grew some 25 per cent between 1991 and 2000, and 18 per cent between 2001 and 2006.

One way the agency is meeting needs is the Community Access Program. In the computer lab, clients get free Internet, set up email accounts, do homework and job searches. Volunteers like Carol Birchall and United Way funding ensure the lab is open five days a week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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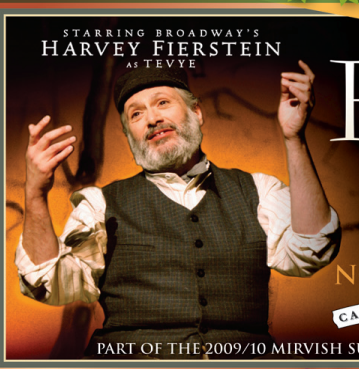


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**Man charged with hate graffiti not a suspect in cenotaph defacement**

Police in Woodstock, Ont., say a man charged in connection with hate graffiti is not accused of defacing the city's cenotaph on Remembrance Day. Police Chief Rod Freeman says police are still pursuing other suspects, including those who painted a swastika on the cenotaph. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## News in brief

**CRASH** Six people have been taken to hospital with minor injuries following a crash involving a school bus reportedly carrying mothers and their children in Newmarket. York Region police say a delivery truck rear-ended a school bus just after 10 a.m. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Fire burns down horse stables

**FARM** An early morning fire at an Oakville riding stable left a century-old farmhouse in ruins yesterday, but spared the horses in a nearby barn.

Fire broke out sometime after 4 a.m. in a house at Bertin Stables, on Dundas Street W. near Terminal Road, in Oakville. A passing motorist called the fire department, and a maintenance worker arrived at the scene shortly afterwards.

A worker opened up the stables and released about 20 horses and two dogs. No people or animals were injured. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Zachary Starkman blogs while he waits to have dialysis at the Hospital for Sick Children. He has suffered from an autoimmune kidney disorder since he was 19 months old and was demonstrating a new online social networking system at the hospital.

# Social networking site helps patients connect

**Zachary Starkman has been in and out of hospitals since he was 19 months old, overhearing hospital talk. Now an online social networking site designed for young patients can help him figure out what it means.**

"You hear nurses using words, words like febrile, so with this I can look it up," Zach, 15, told the Toronto Star yesterday as the Hospital for Sick Children launched the Upopolis system for its patients.

As well as learning that febrile means feverish, the North Toronto Collegiate Grade 10 student started a blog and connected with another young hockey fanatic at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario in Ottawa to commiserate over their losing teams.

"It's going to be really helpful to kids who are here for a really long period of time," said Zach, who has been treated for an autoimmune kidney disease since he was a toddler.

"It's really user-friendly. It's a bit more than Facebook. You can connect with other patients and friends as well, so you can keep up with them. You're able to feel as normal as you can."

Upopolis also lets young patients "connect with your teachers, who can send you homework assignments. I know from experience, I got anxious about catching up when I was away."

Basile Papaevangelou and his daughter, Christina, created the non-profit Kids' Health Link Foundation in 2007 after Christina and her teenage friend, Katy McDonald, both found themselves in hospital with serious illnesses. Christina pulled through. Katy didn't.

In 2007, the foundation launched Upopolis at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton. Since then, the foundation and the telecommunications company Telus have extended the Upopolis network to B.C. Children's Hospital in Vancouver, IWK Health Centre in Halifax, CHEO in Ottawa and Lutherwood in Waterloo. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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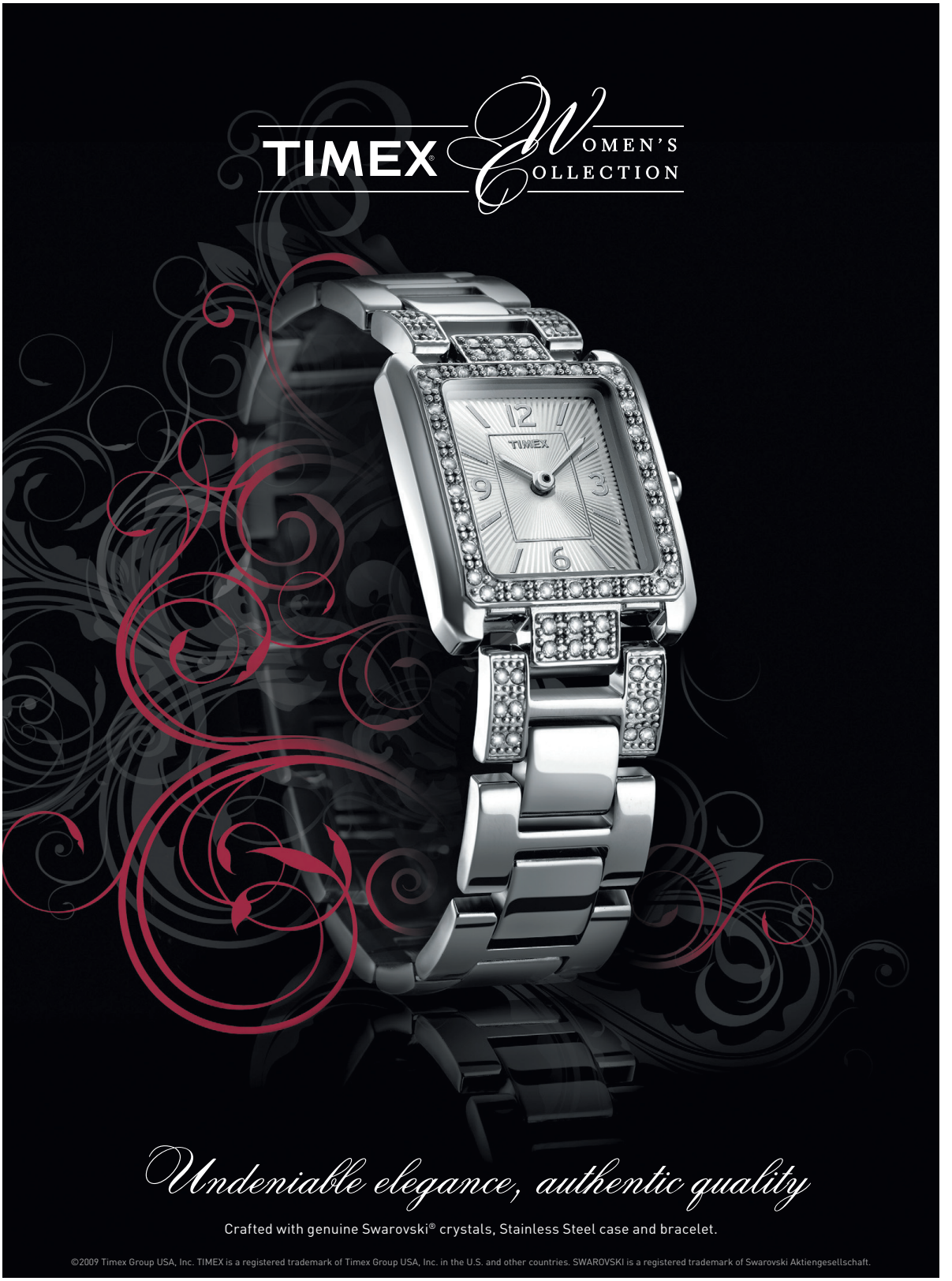


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**IBM to lead $22.5-million redesign of Manitoba health system**
The Manitoba government has awarded a $22.5-million contract to design and implement an electronic health records system. The group that will take on the task is being led by IBM. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada

## Dexter fears the worst

**Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter says his province and Newfoundland are looking at alternative ways to get hydroelectricity from Labrador to markets in New England. They're worried the proposed sale of NB Power to Hydro-Québec could stop them shipping power through New Brunswick.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# 'I don't want Christmas'

## Mom grieves for daughter

**The mother of a 16-year-old girl whose death and disappearance gripped residents of a small northern New Brunswick community is dreading Christmas.**

"I don't want Christmas," said Pamela Fillier, the mother of Hilary Bonnell.

"Christmas is not Christmas — not without her.

"I enjoyed spoiling her."

The body of Hilary of Esgenoopetitj First Nation, also known as Burnt Church, was found last month buried in a remote wooded area that's part of a former military training area.

Police have charged Curtis Bonnell — her cousin — with first-degree murder after a massive investigation.

**"It's not over. It's far from over."**
Pamela Fillier

And Fillier says she feels a small measure of justice now.

"It's a little bit of justice for my little girl," Fillier said yesterday.

"(But) it's not over. It's far from over."

Hilary had been missing since Sept. 5 after attending a house party on the reserve of 1,100.

More than 500 people attended her funeral.

Chiefs from First Nations across Atlantic Canada attended. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hilary Bonnell was found buried after a massive search.

# Has Queen's Park missed the bus?

**LABOUR** The transit strike in London, Ont., is now 24 days old — but residents who rely on the buses will have to be patient.

London-Fanshawe Liberal MPP Khalil Ramal says the province isn't prepared to get involved right now.

He says it's important for both sides to settle through negotiations.

Pat Hunniford, the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 741, warns that if the two sides do not sit down before Christmas and hammer out a deal, the strike could drag on through mid-January.

Earlier this week, the drivers rejected the latest offer, which included a 10.3 per cent raise in pay and benefits over three years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### What's at stake

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**Will Alberta's domestically-raised elk and deer be hunted?**
A conservation group, the Alberta Fish and Game Association, says Alberta is considering allowing people to pay a fee to hunt domestically-raised elk and deer on farms. It has heard that talks are underway at the legislature to allow hunt farms as a way of helping the struggling game farm industry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ottawa 'cell' sparks horrific memories

**Just steps from Parliament Hill, art is imitating a horrible chapter in the lives of three Canadians tortured overseas.**

Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad El Maati and Muayyed Nureddin attended the unveiling of a grim, grey cell modelled on the squalid chambers in the Syrian prison where they were whipped and beaten.

El Maati, a former truck driver, spent two and a half months in a similar grave-like box.

And yesterday he warily peered inside the sculpture, fitted with a brown blanket, plastic bottles and plastic food dishes, and shook his head.

"It was very tough coming here," said El Maati, who brought his mother from Toronto to see the life-size rendering of the filthy, tiny place.

Nureddin, a Toronto geologist, appeared visibly shaken.

The installation made Almalki's fears come rushing back. "When I stepped inside it, I was terrified," said the Ottawa engineer.

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Abdullah Almalki stands near an Ottawa sculpture modelled on the grim, grey cell where he was tortured in Syria.

**"When I stepped inside it, I was terrified."**
Abdullah Almalki

The federal government denies responsibility for the imprisonment and torture of the men despite a commission of inquiry report that partly blamed CSIS and the RCMP.

None of the men, all of whom deny involvement in terrorism, has ever been criminally charged.

The three are suing the federal government in Ontario Superior Court.

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## In The Grave, their spirits died

- The sculpture, named El Abbar — Arabic for The Grave — was created by Ottawa artist Jenn Farr and builder Erik Windfeld.
- The piece was commissioned by human rights activist and author Kerry Pither, who helped fund it with prize money from an Ottawa Book Award for Dark Days, about the men's experiences.
- The art installation is on display in a government building that once housed the National Press Club.

# Charest brushes aside hikes

**UNIONS** Quebec's premier says he won't hike income taxes to balance the provincial budget.

Jean Charest has brushed aside a demand from the Confederation of National Trade Unions — which is seeking a significant salary bump in contract talks. It says Charest should hike taxes by almost $1 billion.

Such a move would reverse the income-tax cuts Charest introduced in 2007. Charest calls it a non-starter. "We have become competitive and we need to stay that way," he said during a trip to Moscow.

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## Shot 'pit bull' kept on fighting

**DOGGED** A dog police say "appeared to be a pit bull" continued to fight even after it was shot when its jaws latched onto an officer's leg. It was put down by a Thunder Bay vet.

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**Man charged after woman alleges sex assault by father**
A 50-year-old Chatham, Ont., man has been charged after a woman alleged she was sexually assaulted by her father. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Short-track speedskater and torch bearer Jean-Francois Monette in Montreal yesterday.

## Olympic future, past in Montreal

**RELAY** The torch for the 2010 games was carried past the site of the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics yesterday.

Short-track speedskater Jean-Francois Monette carried the flame past the city's Olympic Stadium, site of the Games and longtime home to baseball's now-defunct Montreal Expos.

The 1976 Games were the first time Canada hosted the Olympics; Vancouver will be the third.

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# Athletes urge deal

## Seek PM's support for climate agreement

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**Sara Renner is worried there won't be enough snow for her to ski a World Cup cross-country race in Rogla, Slovenia, next week.**

The Olympic silver medallist from Canmore, Alta., says her sport is a canary in the coal mine for climate change.

Renner is one of 20 athletes, including Olympic gold medallists Hayley Wickenheiser, Jennifer Heil and Beckie Scott, who have signed a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, urging him to help find a solution at the ongoing UN climate summit in Copenhagen to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

Renner's husband, Thomas Grandi, a former Olympian and skier on the national alpine team, hand-delivered the letter to Harper's constituency office in southwest Calgary yesterday morning.

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Former Olympian Thomas Grandi, an alpine skier, delivers a letter yesterday from 20 Olympic athletes to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's constituency office in Calgary, asking that Harper protect winter sports by supporting a binding agreement at the UN climate summit in Copenhagen.

Meanwhile, Renner doesn't know where she will travel next week to race. "There's not enough snow and they're making the decision tomorrow as to whether they'll be able to host the event or whether they'll have to change it," Renner said yesterday from Davos, Switzerland.

"This is a reality for our sport. It's reality becoming more and more common.

"It might be minus-30 in Canmore or Calgary, but it's definitely not here."

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# Ambassador to U.S. going to Copenhagen: Sources

Go Green

**DIPLOMACY** Canada's man in Washington is going to Copenhagen.

The Harper government will dispatch Ambassador Gary Doer to climate talks in the Danish capital, The Canadian Press has learned.

Sources confirm Canada's newly minted ambassador to the United States will be part of a 16-member group of "eminent expert advisers."

The group is also made up of heads of industry, including the CEOs of Calgary-based companies Atco Ltd. and TransAlta Corp.

Some members of the group apparently met recently in Calgary for a pre-Copenhagen briefing with Environment Minister Jim Prentice.

Prentice's office declined to provide more details on Doer's tabbing for the climate talks, or on the advisory group. A spokesman would only say an announcement on the Copenhagen advisers is expected this weekend.

But a Canadian Embassy spokeswoman later confirmed Doer's attendance at the talks.

"Yes, he is going," Jennie Chen said in an email.

Canada goes into Copenhagen with its environmental policies largely hitched to whatever comes out of the United States.

Those tight ties to the U.S. could explain Doer's plane ticket to Copenhagen, says Gar Pardy, a former head of Canadian consular services and a former ambassador.

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### Green support

- It was under Gary Doer's leadership that Manitoba joined a coalition of Canadian provinces and U.S. states that plans a regional market to trade carbon emissions.
- Doer was also an ardent supporter of the Kyoto Protocol that countries are trying to negotiate a successor to in Copenhagen.

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**MP urges Halifax councillors to extend protected wilderness area**
Halifax West MP Geoff Regan is urging the Halifax Regional Municipality to include more land in a protected wilderness area. Regan says land between Bayers Lake and Hammonds Plains would make a logical addition to the Blue Mountain-Birch Cove Lakes wilderness park. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Hog industry eyes revamp

## Want pork branded as high quality

**As Canada's hog industry teeters on the brink of collapse, producer Herman Simons is thinking about his children and trying to be optimistic about the coming year.**

Simons moved to Canada from Holland 21 years ago with a dream of owning his own hog farm. Working hard and encouraged by governments to expand, Simons saw his operation near Tees, Alta., flourish.

But over the last three years, thousands of hog farmers have been driven out of the industry by low prices, high production costs, protectionist U.S. trade rules and, more recently, by the effect of H1N1 on pork markets.

Simons, who is chairman of Alberta Pork, and other producers who have toughed it out aren't making money but are determined to come up with a strategy that will allow their once thriving industry to bounce back. Or at least survive.

But competing on price alone is no longer an option, they say. The long-term plan involves transforming the country's pork from a mere commodity into a recognizable brand.

The idea is to showcase the high quality of grain-fed Canadian pork, which is firmer, less fatty, has a better texture and is produced under better health-safety rules than pork in other countries. The hope is that consumers will pay more for a better product.

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### Producers

- In 1986, there were more than 36,400 hog producers in Canada. By the end of this year, that number will be down to about 7,000.

## Belleville **Snow day**

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John Sullivan-Pardell shovels snow yesterday at the Belleville, Ont., home of his neighbour, Brooke Boomhower, centre, as she and friend Isabella Goneau watch. The 12-year-old could have walked to school, Isabella said, but with all buses in the region cancelled due to the snowstorm, "we just decided not to go."

## Cops allege woman, son breached bail conditions

**CRIME** Police in Kingston, Ont., checking to ensure a teen was complying with bail conditions ended up arresting him and his mother.

Police allege that when they checked on the teen Tuesday, they found him with a female he had been ordered not see.

The teen was arrested and taken to police headquarters.

When officers returned to the home to serve his 41-year-old mother with documents on her son's charges, police allege that she was intoxicated by alcohol.

Police say she had been released on an undertaking for an impaired driving charge on Dec. 2 with conditions not to consume alcohol.

She was also arrested for breaching bail conditions.

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## Young driver charged after police pursuit

**CHASE** A young driver has been remanded in custody on numerous charges following a police pursuit through Fort Frances, Ont.

Provincial police, who are not releasing the driver's age, say it started Sunday when police tried to pull over a young driver who they allege was not wearing a seatbelt.

Police allege the driver refused to stop and led two cruisers to a dead end, where the vehicle turned around and rammed one of the cruisers at high speed. An officer jumped out of the way to avoid being hit.

A short time later, another police vehicle was struck before officers were able to partially stop the car. As officers tried to remove the driver and two passengers, the suspect tried to drive away, dragging two officers a short distance before the vehicle was stopped once again.

The incident ended with a brief foot chase.

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# Booze use rises in the West

## Consumption has gone up by 16 per cent in B.C.

**When it comes to hoisting a few, British Columbians are doing more than their share.**

Alcohol consumption in the province is rising at a faster rate than anywhere else in Canada, increasing by almost double the amount consumed by the rest of the country.

Over the last 10 years, British Columbians' alcohol consumption has gone up by 16 per cent, compared to a nine per cent increase for the average Canadian. On average, British Columbians drink 0.5 litres — or 11 shots of alcohol — more per year than other Canadians.

Dr. Perry Kendall, the province's chief medical health officer said yesterday the increased alcohol consumption has already translated into increased health issues.

Alcohol-linked deaths jumped nearly 10 per cent in a five-year period between 2002 and 2007. Among them, cirrhosis-related deaths jumped by 40 per cent in that same period.

"So not only are you seeing more health-related deaths with cancer, chronic diseases and those related to falls and accidents, you're seeing increased social accidents outside of pubs and bars," said Kendall.

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While the government historically has played a strong role in regulating alcohol, with age restrictions for liquor sales and mandating closing times for bars, Kendall said legislators have gradually limited their input into alcohol consumption.

"The government is under pressure from people who like to drink and also from people who make a profit from people who drink. They've taken a libertarian bent that drinkers are old enough to look after themselves."

Since 2002, there has been a 65 per cent increase in the number of outlets that sell liquor in the province when the government allowed private liquor stores to open.

Under the current pricing structure, higher-strength alcohol is cheaper than booze with a lower alcohol content. University of Victoria's Centre for Addictions Research director Dr. Tim Stockwell said the more alcohol content there is in a drink, the higher the cost should be.

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## Senate votes on pot bill

The Senate has voted in favour of changing a Conservative crime bill that would have imposed a mandatory six-month minimum sentence on people convicted of growing as few as five pot plants.

By a vote of 49-44, the upper chamber agreed to amend Bill C-15 to give judges greater discretion in sentencing convictions for growing between five and 200 plants. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Province gives CAS a lifeline

## $6.4M going to First Nations societies that face layoffs

**The Ontario government has thrown a $6.4-million lifeline to three struggling First Nations children's aid societies that face mass staff layoffs due to budgetary woes.**

At Moosonee's Payukotayno James and Hudson Bay Family Services, staff was ecstatic after Children and Youth Services Minister Laurel Broten announced $2.3 million in emergency funding.

The money will ensure Payukotayno can continue to care for the 115 children in crown care and provide services to the depressed community until the end of the agency's fiscal year, March 2010. The agency's credit line is maxed out and and pink slips had been sent to all 120 staff members, effective next week.

However, the emergency cash does not solve the problem of how to keep the agency afloat past March, said Beck. "All we've done is prolong the service to the fiscal year end — it doesn't do much to solve long term issues and challenges."

In addition to money going to Payukotayno, Broten also announced Tikinagan in Sioux Lookout will receive $2.1 million and Pikangikum will get $2 million.

The agencies serving First Nations and remote communities have had historic funding problems for years as governments neglect the higher costs of providing services in areas accessibly only by air or train, according to the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies.

Payukotayno serves the remote communities of Attawapiskat, Fort Albany and Kashechewan, up the James Bay coast. To reach a child in crisis, staff members often have to charter planes at excessive costs and then bring them back down to Moosonee.

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## Man convicted in cop shooting

A 19-year-old man has been convicted of several charges related to the shooting of an off-duty Windsor police officer during an attempted carjacking in Detroit early this year. A jury yesterday convicted David Laston, of Detroit, of five charges including assault with intent to murder and carjacking.

Thomas Rettig was in Detroit when the attack happened.

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## Lindhout returns home

A spokeswoman for a freelance journalist who was held captive in Somalia for 15 months says she has returned to Canada.

Sarah Geddes says Amanda Lindhout and her family are back safely in Alberta.

She says the family has requested privacy until Lindhout is ready to tell her story.

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**Saskatchewan gets rid of 82 agencies, boards and commissions**

The Saskatchewan government is eliminating 82 agencies, boards and commissions as part of a streamlining exercise aimed at saving $500,000 a year. Deputy premier Ken Kravetz says many of the boards and agencies have completed their work or are no longer active. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Pastor jailed over explicit video of teen

STIG NIELSEN
For Metro Canada

**A Surrey pastor was sentenced to 15 months in jail for making a sexually explicit video of a young girl, using photographs from Facebook, that also encouraged her rape, RCMP said yesterday.**

Larry Robert Collins, 45, was pastor at the Guildford Church of Nazarene when the video was created and distributed online. He was removed after confessing about a year and a half ago.

RCMP Const. Rosiane Racine said Collins also used photos of the victim taken from Facebook to impersonate her online and encourage people to click on a web link to the video. He also posted the teen's name and hometown.

The victim is not a B.C. resident.

After the video was discovered, the IP address was traced to Collins, who has since collaborated with investigators.

Douglas Woods, who's serving as transitional pastor, said yesterday members of the congregation are disappointed and shocked.

"As the congregation has become more aware, they have experienced disappointment and grief," he said. "This is like a second shockwave to them."

According to Racine, the victim is shaken up but safe at home with her family.

"We don't know how long the video was online, but it was long enough for a lot of people to view it and once something is online, it's online forever," said Racine.

Collins will also be on probation for three years once he's released.

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## Agency faces charge of taking illegal fees for jobs

**WORKERS** An employment agency has been charged with collecting thousands of dollars in fees to place foreign workers in fast-food jobs in Calgary.

J.F. Garcia Manpower Services, owned by Jose Garcia, is alleged to have charged two workers from the Philippines $6,000 each to find them jobs at fast-food outlets in 2007.

The restaurant owners contacted provincial authorities when they became aware of the fees.

Garcia faces two counts of charging workers illegal fees and two counts of operating an employment agency without a provincial licence.

Service Alberta Minister Heather Klimchuk says the province's rules against recruitment fees prevent employment agencies from taking advantage of workers.

Garcia is scheduled to make his first court appearance on Jan. 28 in Calgary.

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## Priest arrested over child porn

**CRIME** An Anglican priest in Newfoundland and Labrador is facing charges of possession and distribution of child pornography.

Police arrested Rev. Robin Barrett, 52, of Conception Bay South on Tuesday following an investigation by the Toronto Police Service, which contacted the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary in November.

Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Cyrus Pitman, says Barrett has been removed from his duties.

Barrett was one of the first Anglican priests to come out in Newfoundland and Labrador, prompting debate within the church on issues surrounding homosexuality.

Bishop Pitman says the church is co-operating fully with authorities.

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**Turkish Ambassador to U.S. quits**

Turkey's foreign ministry says the Turkish Ambassador to the United States has asked to return to Ankara. The country's foreign ministry yesterday did not say why Ambassador Nabi Sensoy quit his post. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## Red Cross pleads for help in Zimbabwe

**The International Red Cross says they need $32 million US to feed 220,000 Zimbabweans who cannot access hard currency in the collapsed economy. The Red Cross' Zimbabwe representative Stephen Omollo said yesterday the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies is appealing for the money to help Zimbabweans living in rural areas.**

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# Trying to bridge gap

## Satisfying both rich, poor nations not easy, says U.S. envoy

**The United States for the first time outlined a dual path yesterday toward cutting greenhouse gases that would involve both the Obama administration and Congress.**

Speaking at the United Nations climate conference in Copenhagen, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson described the EPA's decision that greenhouse gases should be regulated as complementary to U.S. legislation — not an effort to supplant the work of Congress.

"This is not an either/or moment. This is a both/and moment," she told more than 100 people who packed a U.S. meeting room in the conference centre.

Negotiators at the 192-country conference are also working to bridge the chasm between rich and poor countries over how to share the burden of fighting climate change.

Getting an agreement that satisfies both rich and poor nations would not be easy, said Todd Stern, the top U.S. climate envoy. "But I think an agreement is there to be had if we do this right," he added.

Lumumba Di-Aping of Sudan, the head of the 135-member bloc of developing countries, said the $10 billion a year that has been proposed to help poor nations fight climate change paled in comparison to the more than $1 trillion already spent to rescue financial institutions.

"If this is the greatest risk that humanity faces, then how do you explain $10 billion?" he said. "Ten billion will not buy developing countries' citizens enough coffins." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**"Ten billion will not buy developing countries' citizens enough coffins."**
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# Tuvalu rebuffed in Copenhagen

**CLIMATE CHANGE** The tiny Pacific island of Tuvalu has been rebuffed at the Copenhagen conference after demanding strong action to curb global warming.

The nation of Tuvalu proposed amending the United Nations climate treaty to require the world's countries to keep the rise in temperatures to 1.5 degrees celsius above preindustrial levels.

But Danish conference president Connie Hedegaard declined to advance the proposal, after objections from other nations.

Oil producing countries, and others, would be hurt by the required strict limits on the burning of fossil fuels.

Tuvalu and other low-lying oceanic nations would be the first victims of rising seas, as warmer temperatures make oceans expand as glaciers melt.

Tuvalu delegate to the conference, Ian Fry, said "our future rests on the outcome of this meeting." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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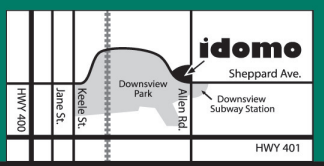

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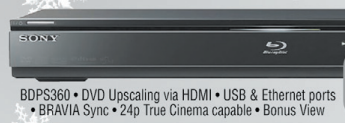

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**Children, schools caught in crossfire in India**

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# Loser cries foul in Romania

## Presidential challenger alleges massive fraud in recent election

**Many Romanians had hoped this election would lift the country out of political crisis, help it shake its reputation for corruption, and allow it to climb out of its worst recession in 20 years.**

Instead, it has plunged the country into even deeper turmoil.

The opposition is charging the presidency has been stolen by fraud. A €1.5 billion ($2.3 billion) international loan probably won't be delivered. And some in the business community fear the scandal will scare off the foreign investment the country so badly needs.

Results in Sunday's presidential runoff election showed that the incumbent, Traian Basescu, eked out the slimmest of victories: The Central Electoral Bureau said he took 50.33 per cent of the vote to 49.66 per cent for his challenger, former Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana.

Three exit polls had forecast a victory for Geoana, albeit a narrow one.

Geoana has charged he was robbed of the presidency by "deliberately organized massive fraud." He said his Social Democratic Party has evidence of ballot stuffing and multiple voting — both inside Romania and abroad, where he lost heavily to Basescu.

Thousands of fictitious personal identity numbers were created, Geoana said. He said his party has evidence that, in one instance, hundreds of voters shared one address — that of a small house in Bucharest.

Romania is one of the European Union's poorest countries, and Geoana said there is also evidence of widespread vote-buying. He is appealing the result to the country's constitutional Court and demanding new elections.

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Incumbent President Traian Basescu waves a flag in front of supporters at the end of the presidential elections runoff Sunday in Bucharest, Romania.

# Sri Lanka's resettlement progress praised by U.S.

A U.S. envoy praised the Sri Lankan government yesterday for making progress in resettling hundreds of thousands of ethnic Tamil civilians detained since the end of the country's civil war.

The comments come on the heels of a U.S. Senate report that said Washington needs to increase engagement with Sri Lanka or risk ruining ties with the island nation.

Robert O. Blake, U.S. assistant secretary of state for South Asia, told reporters that he saw evidence of progress when he visited Manik Farm in northern Sri Lanka, where most of the roughly 100,000 remaining displaced civilians live.

The U.S. withdrew military aid to Sri Lanka in the last years of its 25-year civil war because of human rights concerns. It was also among the countries to pressure Colombo after the war ended six months ago to expedite the release of the civilians, whose numbers in the squalid camps peaked at some 300,000.

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### Senate report

- The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee warned in a report released Monday that neglecting Sri Lanka as it emerges from civil war could result in a shift toward China and other countries that place "greater value on security over freedoms."

## News in brief

**HEALTH CARE** U.S. President Barack Obama as well as Democratic liberals and moderates all found something to like in an emerging compromise to expand government's role in the nation's health care system.

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# Afghan recruits surge

## Soldier pay almost equal to lowest Taliban fee

**U.S. commanders in Afghanistan are reporting a sudden surge in Afghan army recruits this month, a much-needed boost after Afghan President Hamid Karzai said his security forces may not be able to take over from U.S. troops for up to five more years.**

The uptick followed an autumn slump in Afghan army recruitment, and U.S. military officials attributed the sudden jump to promised pay hikes rather than U.S. President Barack Obama's announcement that U.S. troops will start leaving in 18 months.

"If we continue recruiting like we did, we'll make it," Lt.-Gen. William B. Caldwell, head of the Afghan training mission, told reporters yesterday.

The Obama administration had earlier this year outlined a goal of setting up a viable security force of 400,000 by 2013, and Caldwell was measuring his progress against that figure

Pay is a big hurdle.

For example, the Afghanistan government recently increased to $240, from about $180, the monthly pay given to a freshly recruited soldier deployed to the troubled Helmand province.

Taliban pay is reported to be anywhere from $250 to $350 a month.

Afghanistan's ability to independently defend itself against attacks from Taliban and al-Qaida fighters is the linchpin in Obama's exit strategy, which envisions that U.S. troops would start to leave in July 2011.

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United States marines react while playing a game of mud football yesterday following a rain storm at their base in Khan Neshin, in the volatile Helmand province of southern Afghanistan.

### Signing up

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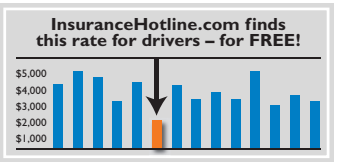


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**Peace winner appeals to Hungary**

Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel is urging Hungary to make Holocaust denial illegal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Obama to talk war at peace banquet

**U.S. President Barack Obama will accept the world's best-known peace award by explaining what it means to wage war, an incongruity that has weighed on him and that he will take on directly when he receives the Nobel Peace Prize, White House officials say.**

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A woman looks at an installation with pictures of 2009 Nobel Peace laureate Barack Obama, right, and 1964 peace laureate Martin Luther King in the Nobel Field at the Nobel Peace Center in Oslo, Norway. Obama will receive the Nobel Peace Prize today.

The president is dashing to Oslo in an overnight flight, in time to be there for today's award ceremony and banquet and not much more. His minimalist approach reflects a White House that sees little value in touting an honour for peace just nine days after Obama announced he was sending 30,000 more U.S. troops to the war in Afghanistan.

The contrast has been stark for weeks. Obama won the award in early October, just as his review of a revamped war plan was intensifying. He and two speechwriters pivoted attention to the Nobel address the very day after Obama announced he was escalating the U.S. forces in Afghanistan to their highest levels.

So Obama, honoured for strengthening international diplomacy, will use his speech to discuss what goes into the decision to expand a war.

Asked if Obama was excited about the award, national security aide and speechwriter Ben Rhodes responded: "I think he feels as if it places a responsibility upon him."

"It's the company that you keep as a Nobel laureate that I think makes the deepest impression upon him," said Rhodes, who is helping write the president's speech. "That kind of adds an extra obligation to essentially extend the legacy."

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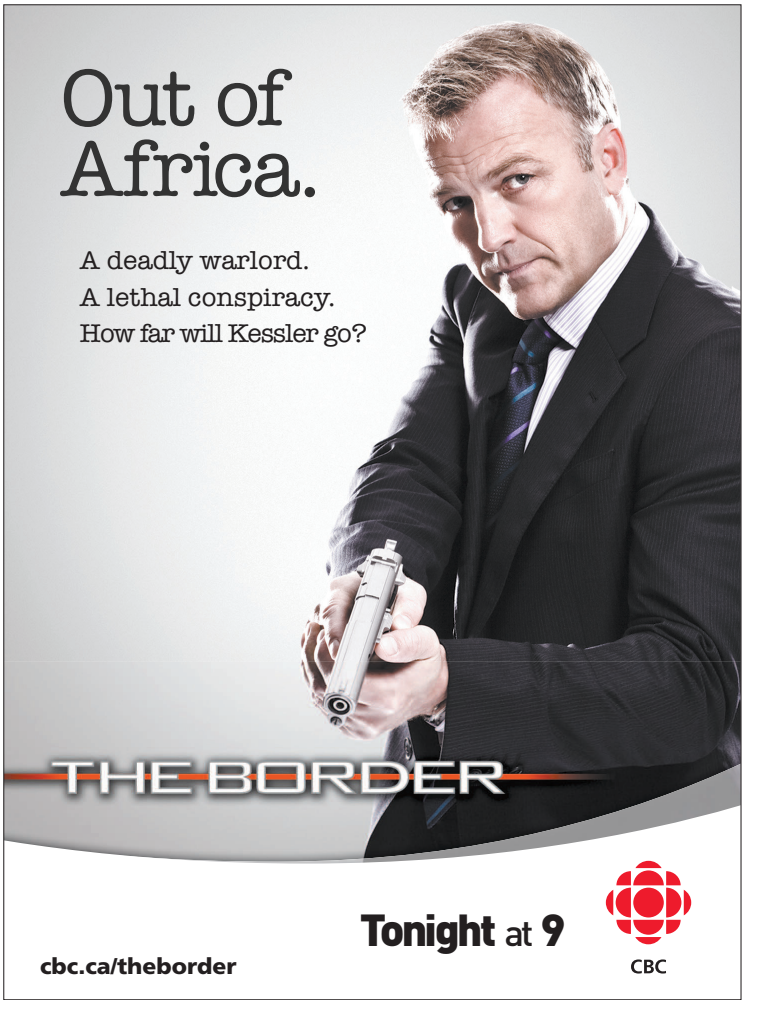

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# Stronger measures on tobacco needed: WHO

## Report says 95 per cent unprotected by laws

**Tobacco use kills at least five million people every year, a figure that could rise if countries don't take stronger measures to combat smoking, the World Health Organization said yesterday.**

In a new report on tobacco use and control, the UN agency said nearly 95 per cent of the global population is unprotected by laws banning smoking.

The report describes countries' various strategies to curb smoking, including protecting people from smoke, enforcing bans on tobacco advertising, and raising taxes on tobacco products. Those were included in a package of six strategies WHO unveiled last year, but less than 10 per cent of the world's population is covered by any single measure.

"People need more than to be told that tobacco is bad for human health," said Douglas Bettcher, director of WHO's Tobacco-Free Initiative. "They need their governments to implement the WHO Framework Convention."

**600,000**
The worldwide death toll per year from second-hand smoke, according to the World Health Organization.

Most of WHO's anti-tobacco efforts are centred on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, an international treaty ratified by nearly 170 countries in 2003. The convention theoretically obliges countries to take action to reduce tobacco use, though it is unclear if they can be punished for not taking adequate measures, since they can simply withdraw from the treaty.

Other experts questioned how effective WHO's strategies were.

"It's like the well-intentioned blind leading the blind," said Patrick Basham, director of the Democracy Institute, a London and Washington-based think-tank. He said WHO's policies were based more on hope than evidence.

Basham said measures like increasing taxes on tobacco products and banning advertising don't address the root causes of why people smoke. Smoking levels naturally drop off when populations become richer and better-educated. Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death and WHO estimates that, unless countries take drastic action, tobacco could kill about eight million people every year by 2030, mostly in developing countries.

Basham said officials should focus on anti-poverty measures to stem the smoking problem, though that is beyond WHO's mandate as a health agency.

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# Survivor reunites with dog

**The owner of a dog that miraculously survived a massive bombing returned to his collapsed home yesterday to be reunited with his pet, stunning neighbours who thought he was dead.**

The ginger-coloured dog was spotted chained to a roof railing and standing on a wall ledge over the collapsed home after Tuesday's huge blast near Iraq's Finance Ministry levelled shops and houses. The attack was part of co-ordinated bombings around Baghdad that claimed at least 127 lives.

"Lots of neighbours thought I was dead," Farouq Omar Muhei said after his dog, Liza, was carried down to the street and began lapping at a puddle.

Iraqi police and rescue officials initially said Muhei and his family were among the victims. But he surprised neighbours when he returned with his 14-year-old son, Omar, after being treated for cuts and other injuries. They were the only family members home at the time of the attack and all his family survived. Only a few portions of the home remained standing — including one section of the roof where Liza was chained. The dog's water bucket also remained by her side, but was empty when Muhei's brother, Fuad, climbed over the rubble to unchain the dog and carry her down. The dog was waiting calmly. But Liza appeared to be shaking with joy as she was reunited with Muhei, 46, whose face was laced with cuts.

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Faroug Omar rescues his dog, Liza, yesterday in Baghdad.

## News in brief

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## Comment

# The persistence of pornography

**Relating**

I feel I owe an apology to Simon Louis Lajeunesse on behalf of my (and his) gender.

The Université de Montréal researcher, studying the effects of pornography on its male viewers, looked for a control group of guys who had never been exposed to it.

He could find none.

"Guys who do not watch pornography do not exist," he told the Montreal Gazette.

It's encouraging that Lajeunesse found no evidence of ill effects often ascribed to pornography by its critics, because whatever dirty movies do to us, they seem to be doing it to pretty much every man and no small number of women.

The study's subjects said they watched an average of 40 minutes a week. I hasten to mention that your particular boyfriend/husband/whatever is telling you the truth if he never sullies his eyes with such filth. Neither do I. Swear.

But your virtuous fella and I are obviously just about the only ones — complete statistical freaks. The rest of dudedom stands guilty as charged. Sorry about that, Prof. Lajeunesse.

We cannot deny your findings, and we are not proud. Despite its enduring popularity, it's not as if the essential quality of X-rated cinema has improved vastly since 1975, when Erica Jong famously declared, "My reaction to porn films is as follows: After the first 10 minutes, I want to go home and screw. After the first 20 minutes, I never want to screw again as long as I live."

While Lajeunesse's research somewhat disturbingly found that a guy's first exposure to so-called adult entertainment occurred, on average, at age 10, he also saw no evidence of any effect on their relationships, or ability to separate fantasy from reality.

According to Lajeunesse's data, 90 per cent of the porn consumed by his interviewees came from — and this too may shock you — the Internet. A very smart woman of my intimate acquaintance expresses wonder that men get anything done all day with all that porn just sitting there at the other end of every keyboard.

This modern smut delivery system has its drawbacks, as a friend of mine discovered when he tried to explain to his wife why their computer had been laid low by viruses. He received emergency technical assistance from a computer-savvy buddy, and a little advice about safer surfing, but repairing things on the home front remained his problem.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

## Views

# Gun control law more than a symbol

**SpeakingOut**

This past weekend, groups across the country commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Montreal massacre. Families of the victims mourned their loss and recommitted to defending Canada's gun control law, which they called a monument to the memory of the victims.

Twenty years ago, a man walked into l'Ecole Polytechnique, separated the men from the women and screaming, "You are all a bunch of feminists," killed 14 young women and injured 13 others. His semi-automatic rifle — the Ruger Mini 14 — will soon be easier to get, thanks to Stephen Harper and other federal politicians.

On Nov. 4, the House of Commons passed private member's Bill C-391, a bill that will eliminate the need to register rifles and shotguns. Nervous opposition politicians spooked by a well-financed American-style campaign targeting specific MPs backed the Conservatives over the objections of virtually every public safety organization in the country.

In spite of the focus on handguns and urban violence, rifles and shotguns are a substantial proportion of the guns recovered in crime in this country.

Registration ensures licensed gun owners are held accountable for their firearms. If gun owners are licensed but guns not registered, there is no way to prevent legal gun owners from selling or giving guns to unlicensed and potentially dangerous people.

Opponents of gun control complain about the cost. But seven million guns have been registered. The money has been spent. The only guns that need to be registered going forward are new guns or those being traded. The costs — $3 million a year — pale in comparison to the costs of gun injury and death.

The law is much more than a symbol. Three hundred fewer people die from gunshots now compared to 1995, when the law passed. Our problem is not just the vocal and well-financed gun lobby. We can only hope that those who wore white ribbons to mark the memory of the women who died Dec. 6, 1989, will now take action.

Wendy Cukier is the president of the Coalition for Gun Control.

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**Nasdaq gives Vancouver beverage company some breathing room**
Leading Brands Inc. has been granted an extension until March 29 to regain compliance with Nasdaq's one-dollar minimum bid price for trading on the U.S. stock exchange. Shares in the Vancouver-based beverage company were trading at 45 cents US apiece yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Americans locking in mortgages

**FINANCE** American mortgage application volume increased 8.5 per cent during the week ending Dec. 4, as more borrowers refinanced loans to lock in interest rates near record lows, according to a report yesterday from the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Refinancing activity jumped 11.1 per cent during the week ending Dec. 4, compared with the previous week.

Customers looking to refinance existing mortgages accounted for 74.4 per cent of total applications, up from 72.1 per cent the previous week.

Interest rates near historic lows have made it more enticing for customers trying to reduce the size of their monthly payments. The first uptick in interest rates in six weeks might have also pushed borrowers to lock in rates now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Shoppers play chicken

## Survey finds many expecting retailers to cut prices further

**The annual game of chicken has begun in earnest as consumers wait to see how long retailers can hold out before slashing prices even further as the Christmas deadline looms.**

With just 15 days left to shop, half of Canadians are only halfway through their holiday lists, a survey by Maritz Research Canada shows. That's a higher number of people who are delaying their purchases than last year, said Rob Daniel, managing director.

And unless you have your heart set on a limited edition item, it will be worth the wait, other industry experts said.

"There's going to be a little game of chicken with the consumer," said Willy Kruh, national partner with KPMG. "Consumers already saw prices being discounted early in the game, more than normal. So they're going to wait."

Shoppers are planning to spend $570 on gifts on average, the same amount as last year, and they're again favouring stores that advertise low prices, the survey found.

Wal-Mart Canada is the top holiday shopping destination for the third year in a row with 65 per cent of consumers indicating they plan to shop there, followed by Zellers and Canadian Tire, who tied at 43 per cent each, the survey found. Canadians rank sales and discounts, level of customer service, availability of staff and hours of operation as the top four most important factors in deciding where to shop, the survey found.

Clothing is the top item on gift giver's lists, followed by entertainment products and gift certificates. However, when asked what they would like to receive, the top pick was gift certificates, the survey found.

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## Fraser Papers looking to sell mills in Canada, U.S.

**MILLS** A Canadian forestry company will seek court approval today to sell paper, lumber and pulp mills it owns in New Hampshire, Maine, New Brunswick and Quebec.

Fraser Papers filed for bankruptcy protection in both Canada and the United States in June and announced last week that it planned to focus on specialty papers and sell off its other assets.

According to the New Hampshire Union Leader newspaper, the Toronto-headquartered company will be in court today to get permission for a two-part restructuring plan calling for first selling mills in Edmundston, N.B., and Madawaska, Me., and then selling off other assets, including the paper mill in Gorham, N.H., two lumber mills in Maine and a pulp mill in Quebec.

The Gorham facility, which now employs 240 people, and a pulp mill in Berlin were once Coos County's largest employer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Debt level worries investors

**MARKETS** The Toronto stock market closed little changed yesterday, weighed down by financials amid growing caution about the threat posed by high government debt levels.

The S&P/TSX composite index finished the day up 10.29 points at 11,379.22 as the market found support from higher mining stocks.

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Yesterday's weak showing followed four days of TSX declines that carved just more than 400 points from the main index — a sign that investors are hard-pressed right now to find a reason to extend a rally that has gone on practically nonstop since early March.

Investor nervousness increased yesterday after Standard & Poor's lowered its outlook on Spain's debt rating to "negative" from "stable."

Rival Fitch had downgraded its rating on Greece Tuesday and Moody's cut the ratings of six Dubai government-linked companies to junk status. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Avalite agrees to share-swap deal**
Avalite Inc. has agreed to buy private energy services company True Production Services Inc. in a reverse-takeover, share-swap deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Business in brief

**PURCHASE** Alamos Gold Inc. has signed a share purchase agreement with Fronteer Development Group Inc. and Teck Resources Ltd. in a cash and stock deal worth about $90 million to purchase Turkish subsidiaries of both Vancouver companies. Through the purchases, Toronto-based Alamos will acquire the Agi Dagi and Kirazli advanced-stage gold exploration projects that form part of the Biga Mineral District in northwestern Turkey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# U.S. extends bailout

## Treasury says program to continue through fall 2010

**U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told Congress yesterday the U.S. administration will extend the government's financial bailout program until next fall, saying it is needed to protect against fresh economic shocks.**

In a letter to House and Senate leaders, Geithner said the extension is "necessary to assist American families and stabilize financial markets."

Money from the $700-billion US taxpayer-funded bailout program has helped rescue big Wall Street firms, auto companies and others. That's angered many Americans, who feel the government hasn't provided them with relief from high unemployment and rising home foreclosures.

**"The recovery of our financial system remains incomplete."**
U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner

The Troubled Asset Relief Program that Congress passed during the height of the financial crisis in October 2008 was scheduled to expire at the end of the year. Geithner said it will be extended until Oct. 3, 2010. He has the authority to extend the TARP simply by notifying lawmakers.

"The recovery of our financial system remains incomplete," Geithner told lawmakers. "And near-term shocks to that system could undermine the economic recovery we have seen to date."

Geithner said he doesn't expect to use more than $550 billion of the funds.

The treasury secretary said new commitments bankrolled by the bailout fund will be limited to three areas next year.

One focus is stepping up efforts to curb record-high home foreclosures, a move necessary to stabilize the housing market and support a lasting economic recovery.

Another will be providing capital to small banks, which play a crucial role in providing credit to small businesses — normally a leading engine of job creation. Small banks have been weighed down by problem commercial real estate loans, which has made them reluctant to lend and hurt the ability of small businesses to expand and hire.

In a third area, Geithner said the government may boost its commitment to a program aimed at sparking lending to consumers and small businesses. Run by Treasury and the Federal Reserve, the Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility started in March.

Geithner said he didn't expect any new commitments to the TALF would result in additional costs to taxpayers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Cameco proceeds to go toward development

**PROJECT** Cameco Corp. plans to use the proceeds from the sale of its stake in Centerra Gold Inc. to finish developing its troubled Cigar Lake project, as well as to pounce on any acquisition opportunities that come along.

Cameco spokesman Lyle Krahn said the company's primary goal is to move Cigar Lake into production as part of its target to double uranium production by 2018.

The Saskatchewan uranium project, which is half owned by Cameco, has been flooded for three years. Cameco said recently it has stopped the inflow of water and is now in the process of de-watering the mine, which should take six to 12 months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Search engines **High ratings for fraud sites**

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Security researcher Jim Stickley displays logs on his laptop this week from Internet scams he created for a study for a California financial institution at his home in La Mesa, Calif. Stickley's study showed some of the most trusted Internet search engines gave high ratings to fraudulent websites.

## Business in brief

**DEAL** German carmaker Daimler AG has reached an agreement that gives job security until the end of 2019 to 37,000 employees at its biggest plant in Germany, a spokesman said yesterday. Layoffs will be ruled out under the deal, details of which will be announced at a news conference today, spokesman Joerg Howe said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dismissing complaints from some members that Congress had more pressing matters, a U.S. House subcommittee approved legislation yesterday aimed at forcing college football to switch to a playoff system to determine its national champion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports

## Owens signs modelling deal

**The catwalk might never be the same now that Terrell Owens, left, has signed a deal with a modelling agency. Having already launched a reality TV show and promoted his own breakfast cereal, the Buffalo Bills receiver is ready to try fashion after signing a deal with Wilhelmina Models this week.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Leafs defeat Islanders

**In his first ever NHL game in Toronto back on Nov. 23, John Tavares was a non-factor.**

No goals, no assists, no points.

Last night, that scoring line changed big time.

The Oakville native and celebrated first overall pick in the NHL bagged a pair of power-play goals in the third period to help the New York Islanders erase a 2-0 Toronto lead.

Toronto, with a good scare from Tavares, regrouped and got a late goal from Jason Blake to squeeze by New York 3-2 at the Air Canada Centre.

The goals for Tavares were his 14th and 15th of the season. Those totals easily make him the leader among NHL rookies. He has also taken over from his centre and good friend Matt Moulson for the team lead.

Blake's goal, his fifth of the season, came courtesy of a huge blunder behind the Isles net by defenceman Bruno Gervais and Mark Streit.

Gervais fed a pass to Streit, who didn't see Leafs centre Mikhail Grabovski skating right at him. Grabovski stripped the puck free and it drifted out in front of the net where Blake tucked it home at 15:55 for the game winner.

The win for the resurgent Toronto side was its sixth in the last eight games. The team is also at a 7-2-2 record in its last 11 — but a seven-game losing streak to start the season has left the Leafs in a difficult situation.

Not even a healthy winning streak is enough to overcome that stretch of futility to start the season.

For now, though, the Leafs have settled into a winning brand of hockey. The confidence level is high, mistakes are down, and for followers of the team there is solid evidence of what management thought this team would look like back in training camp in September.

A pair of defencemen — Francois Beauchemin and Ian White — helped Toronto take advantage of penalties in the first period from an Islanders team that looked weary at the tail end of a five-game road trip.

Beachemin unloaded one of his slappers on the power play at 6:03 of the fist to put Toronto up 1-0.

White found the mark on a slapper at 14:40, just two seconds after the Isles' second penalty had expired.

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New York Islanders centre John Tavares bounces off Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Francois Beauchemin last night at the Air Canada Centre. The Leafs won 3-2.

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## Winning streak over for Raps

With their starting point guard back in Toronto and starting centre on the bench in a sports coat and jeans, the Raptors needed some unexpected contribution from an unlikely source in Milwaukee last night.

They didn't get it.

And they didn't get their fourth consecutive win, either.

Players such as Hedo Turkoglu and Marco Belinelli couldn't pick up any of the slack as the Raptors dropped a 117-95 decision to the Bucks at a half-empty Bradley Center.

Jose Calderon was at home nursing a sore hip and the Raptors lost Andrea Bargnani to a sore right ankle about 90 minutes before the tipoff.

Bargnani had gone through an elaborate pre-game warmup, having his ankle worked on by members of the team's medical and training staff, but it wouldn't loosen up enough to let him play.

There is no word on his — or Calderon's — availability for tomorrow night's game at home against Atlanta.

Bargnani and Calderon will get medical treatment today and tomorrow before any decisions will be made. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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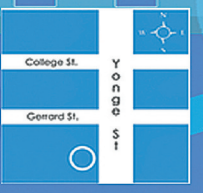


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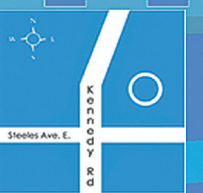


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**Medal plan scrapped**

A California congressman says he won't continue his push to honour Tiger Woods with a Congressional Gold Medal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Olympiakos players celebrate their victory at the final whistle of the UEFA Champions League Group H match yesterday against Arsenal.

# Next round set in Champions League

## Barcelona, Inter Milan, Olympiakos advance

**Barcelona, Inter Milan, Stuttgart and Olympiakos advanced in the Champions League yesterday to complete the lineup for the next round.**

Defending champion Barcelona needed an 86th-minute free kick by Lionel Messi to win 2-1 at Dynamo Kiev and edge Inter for first place in Group F.

Inter beat Russia's Rubin Kazan 2-0 to advance, while Stuttgart took second place in Group G with a 3-1 win over Unirea Urziceni. Olympiakos beat already qualified Arsenal 1-0 to finish second to the Gunners in Group H.

Barcelona needed only to avoid a large defeat to advance and that looked possible when Artem Milevskiy scored an early goal for Dynamo, but Xavi Hernandez equalized in the 33rd after sustained pressure and European player of the year Messi made sure Barcelona qualified in first place ahead of Inter with his curling free kick.

Olympiakos advanced to the knockout stage through Leonardo's second-half goal against Arsenal, which lost its unbeaten record but still topped Group H

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# Move to eliminate Tiger drink unrelated to scandal: Gatorade

Gatorade is discontinuing its Tiger Woods drink but says it made the decision before the golfer's car accident led to a media firestorm surrounding his personal life.

The decision to drop the drink, called Tiger Focus, was first reported by trade publication Beverage Digest in an issue dated Nov. 25, two days before the incident at Woods' home in Florida. The publication's editor, John Sicher, said he learned of the decision the week of Nov. 9.

The brand — a unit of PepsiCo Inc. — says the decision does not have to do with recent events.

The drink debuted in March 2008. Beverage Digest estimates it represents less than five per cent of Gatorade's volume. Sales volume of Tiger Focus was down 34 per cent this year through October.

Meanwhile, Woods has vanished from prime-time TV advertising since the scandal. Data from Nielsen Co. shows there have been no advertisements in prime-time featuring Woods since Nov. 29.

The research firm said the last prime-time ad to appear featuring the golfer was a 30-second ad that day for the Gillette Co. That commercial aired eight times during November, spokesman Aaron Lewis said.

There have been no other commercials since then on all broadcast networks and 19 cable networks during the evening news, prime time, late-night and during weekend sports, he said.

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## Sports in brief

**NFL** Canadian Oshiomogho Atogwe, the second-leading tackler for the St. Louis Rams, will not play again this season. The Rams said the safety from Windsor was placed on injured reserve with a shoulder injury sustained in Sunday's loss at Chicago.

**NHL** The NHL has suspended Phoenix Coyotes defenceman Ed Jovanovski two games for a forearm to the head of Minnesota Wild centre Andrew Ebbett. The league announced the discipline yesterday.

**BASEBALL** Andy Pettitte is staying with the New York Yankees, agreeing to a $11.75-million US, one-year contract. The deal yesterday represents a raise for the 37-year-old left-hander, who made $10.5 million last season and helped the Yankees win their 27th World Series title.

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**Rangers trade Millwood**
The Texas Rangers traded pitcher Kevin Millwood to the Baltimore Orioles for reliever Chris Ray and a player to be named. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# No one gets gold

## IOC withholds medal from Greek sprinter

**It's time to rewrite the Olympic record books: There was no gold medal winner in the women's 100 metres at the 2000 Sydney Games.**

The International Olympic Committee yesterday reallocated two individual medals stripped from Marion Jones for doping, but in an unprecedented move withheld her 100-metre prize from Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou because of her "disgraceful" behaviour in evading drug tests at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

The decision means the first two runners across the line in Sydney have both been denied the winner's medal for doping violations, and the gold in sprinting's marquee event will remain without an owner — believed to be a first in the 113-year history of the modern Olympics.

While the IOC executive board awarded Jones' gold in the 200 metres and bronze in the long jump to the next-place finishers, it refused Thanou the 100 gold because of her involvement in a drug scandal at the Athens Games.

"It was disgraceful behaviour by her and this is a unique situation," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said.

Thanou never tested positive and was not linked to doping in Sydney, but was accused along with fellow Greek sprinter Kostas Kenteris of dodging drug testers in Athens and faking a motorcycle crash as a coverup.

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Skip Jennifer Jones looks on yesterday while playing against Team Lawton during the Canadian Olympic curling trials in Edmonton. Lawton defeated Jones 6-4.

# Jones sees Olympic hopes fade

Jennifer Jones' Olympic dreams might well be over.

Jones, the defending national women's champion, came to the Olympic curling trials in Edmonton as a heavy favourite to represent Canada at the 2010 Winter Games.

From program guides handed out to Rexall Place visitors, to television trailers surrounding the arena, Jones' likeness has been splashed everywhere, with her win at the trials seemingly a foregone conclusion for many.

But for the third time in five round-robin matches, Jones was on the losing end yesterday, dropping a 6-4 decision to Saskatoon's Stefanie Lawton.

Jones' 2-3 record at the tournament puts her in a tie for fifth place heading into yesterday's evening draw. Three teams are tied for second place.

Speaking with reporters after the loss, the Winnipeg curler said yesterday morning's result was a true disappointment.

"I think we'll need some help but stranger things have happened," she said, leaving open the slim possibility that the stars will align in such a manner that her rink makes the playoffs.

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### Howard still unbeaten

• A draw to the four foot in an extra end kept Glenn Howard's perfect record intact at the Canadian Olympic curling trials yesterday. Edmonton's Kevin Koe scored two points in the 10th end to tie the game but Howard, from Coldwater, Ont., made it look easy in the 11th for a 7-6 win.

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HOLIDAY

# Shopping Guide

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## Bundles of joy

From gifts for the booze lover to how to have a Hanukkah party, our 14-page Holiday Shopping Guide brings you all the ideas you need.

**Next week's** lineup

**GIFT GUIDES** For a roundup of the hottest tech gadgets of 2009, gifts for him and her, and much more, pick up Metro's next Holiday Shopping Guide Dec. 17.

**Tech** Pg 44

Metro picks the best of this year's Blu-Ray players and movies.

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The best collections on DVD, from Forrest Gump to G.I. Joe.

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## Holiday Shopping Guide

# A Blu-Ray Christmas

From players to what to watch, Metro has you covered

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The Panasonic DMP-BD60 Blu-Ray player, below left, and the Panasonic SC-BTX70 Blu-Ray Cinema home theatre, right.

**Nothing completes the perfect holiday break like sitting inside your warm living room with the family and watching your favourite movies and videos.**

As the snow (hopefully!) falls during your Christmas break, here are a few options to help you get the most out of your viewing experience:

### Toshiba BDX2000 Blu-Ray player
**$249**

Toshiba's first Blu-Ray disc player is a clean, uncluttered design that provides full 1080p Blu-Ray playback, upconversion for regular DVDs so you don't need to dump your large DVD library, and Blu-Ray specific goodies like BonusView (which lets you run things like director's commentaries in a picture-in-picture box while you watch) and BD-Live, which lets you use an Internet connection to download short features and trailers or play online games. Best of all, the price is solid.

### Panasonic DMP-BD60 Blu-Ray player
**$299**

Another solid player at a good price point, Panasonic's value entry into the Blu-Ray player market does all the requisite 1080p/upconversion/BonusView and BD-Live stuff, but it also adds Viera Link and Viera Cast, which allow linking to PVR-type devices for recording your programs and streaming Internet goodies like YouTube directly to your TV. The player also has built-in reduced power-consumption features like auto power stand-by and is Energy Star qualified.

### LG BD390C Blu-Ray player
**$429.99**

A bit pricier but well worth the cost if you like streaming stuff like YouTube movies onto your TV without needing your computer, LG's upper-scale Blu-Ray player is a very popular system that kicks a lot of butt. Of course it has 1080p Blu-Ray playback and upconverting for DVDs, high-definition video and sound with Dolby TrueHD and Dolby Digital, but it also features an external playback connection for external hard drives, 1 gigabyte of internal memory for recording onto BD-Live without needing an external memory card, and quick-booting and loading in under 20 seconds. The player's integrated Wi-Fi capabilities let you connect your TV to an Internet connection for easy streaming of online video and pictures as well.

### Panasonic SC-BTX70 Blu-Ray Cinema home theatre
**$1,299.99**

If you want to go whole hog and really upgrade your entire home theatre setup, you would be hard-pressed to find a more complete player-plus-sound-system option for the price than Panasonic's SC-BTX70 Blu-Ray kit. With 375 watts of audio output, built-in Dolby TrueHD and Digital Plus high-clarity sound, whisper mode surround sound and a Dolby Virtual Speaker, this thing really kills on the sound side. It also has 1080p playback for Blu-Ray with ultra-upconverting for DVDs in the form of PHD, which processes each pixel individually, giving it all the necessary video power to make your TV a real centrepiece of your entertainment plans. Best of all, the system includes a universal iPod dock and SD card slot, making it even easier to watch what those digital movies you're already carrying around with you. Big sound and powerful visuals from a surprisingly compact package; if you've got the cash to spare, you won't be disappointed.

## What to watch

### Duplicity
**$46.99 on Blu-Ray**

Featuring stellar performances from Clive Owen and Julia Roberts, Duplicity is a fun, flirty spy flick that may not be the greatest Oscar contender of the year, but is still a great view. Take bets mid-movie on who's playing who and let the winner drink all the leftover eggnog.

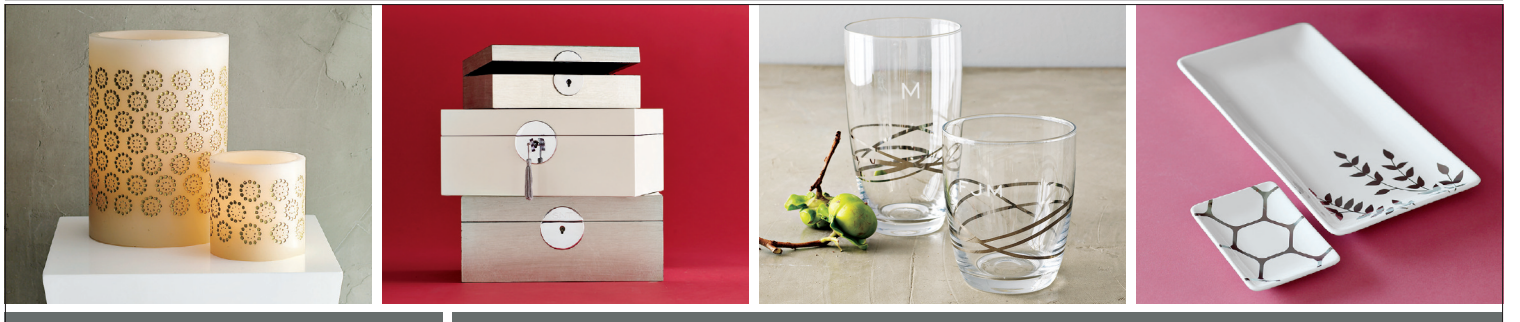
### Public Enemies
**$41.99 on Blu-Ray**

Another strong Johnny Depp vehicle, the film is a surprisingly poignant Depression-era gangster romp that has great action and captures the look and feel of the 1930s well. If you love Johnny — and who doesn't? — give it a go.

### Battlestar Galactica Complete Series
**$172.50 on DVD, $379.99 on Blu-Ray**

An amazing show that garnered mainstream and true sci-fi viewers alike, Battlestar Galactica is a keeper and this ultimate 25-disc box set is the mother of all boxed sets. Presented in Dolby Digital 5.1 Surround Sound and presented in its own snazzy display box, the set is a whole load of sci-fi awesomeness.

The LG BD390C Blu-Ray player, left, is $429.99. It features an external playback connection for external hard drives. The Toshiba BDX2000 Blu Ray player, above, is $249. It provides full 1080p Blu-Ray playback and upconversion for regular DVDs, among other features.



**Stocking stuffer**
Keep them warm with these children's pom-pom slippers, $6, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Fun and games

**1** **Cranium Wow,** $29.99. Available at all major retailers, including Walmart, Toys R Us and Zellers.

**2** **Candy Land: Sweet Celebration,** $24.99, for ages four and up. Available at mass merchandise retailers.

**3** **Martian Matter Alien Maker,** $24.99, lets you to build more than 90 different alien combinations; hasbro.com.

**4** **Easy-Bake Oven & Snack Centre,** $34.99, and **Easy-Bake Decorating Sensation Frosting Pen,** $19.99; hasbro.com.

**5** **CLUE: Secrets & Spies edition,** $29.99, features optional text messaging. For more, go to hasbro.com.

**6** **Operation,** $19.99, at all major retailers, including Walmart, Toys R Us and Zellers. For more, go to hasbro.com.

**7** **Beatles Trivial Pursuit,** $39.95 at Indigo and Chapters stores. For more, go to chapters.indigo.ca.

**8** **The Game of Life: Extreme Reality,** $29.99. Available at all major retailers, including Walmart, Toys R Us and Zellers.

**9** **Tamagotchi disco lights,** $16.99. Available at Walmart, Toys R Us, Zellers and Loblaws. Go to bandai.com for more.

**10** **Portable toy detective set,** $16.99 at Winners. For more, call 1-877-946-6877 or visit winners.ca.

**Celebrate with Snoopy**
Peanuts holiday card, plays Christmas Is Coming, $21.99 for a box of five. Available at Hallmark. For more, go to hallmark.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Holiday Shopping Guide

# The 12 spirits of Christmas

PETER ROCKWELL
for Metro Canada

**Selecting the perfect liquid for those solids in your life can be a challenge; so here are my choice picks for every one of those beverage lovers in your life:**

### Best bets under $25

**1 Wychwood Brewery Bah Humbug Christmas Ale, $3.45-$3.99***
Ebenezer Scrooge's face peering out from a beer label might scare the Dickens out of some, but this malty English brew will have the ale aficionados on your list drinking merry.

**2 Faxe Premium Gift Pack, $9.85-$9.95**
If you're going to gift just one beer this year, why not make it a big one? This crisp litre of lager is a food-friendly thirst-quencher that comes with its own mega mug.

**3 Freixenet Cordon Rosado Brut, $12.95-$15.99**
The bubbly berry goodness of this Spanish rosé will appeal to any wine lover. Perfect with food, it's a match made in brunch, lunch and dinner heaven.

**4 Moselland 2008 Ars Vitis Riesling, $9.95-$17.99**
Forget what it looks like in the glass, this refreshing, off-dry German white is a knockout while still in the bottle. The winter scene has a limited run; looking as good as the wine tastes.

### Best bets under $50

**5 Absolut Celebration Vodka, $25.95-$27.49**
OK, so vodka can make for a pretty neutral gift. Wrapping it in a cool blue plastic casing (that throws a bit of a disco vibe) is something to celebrate. Absolut switches up the look each year so this one's for the collectors.

**6 Sailor Jerry's Spiced Navy Rum, $26.95-$29**
What's eggnog's best friend? Why an ounce or two of rum, spiced rum, of course. Sailor Jerry was a tattooist (hence the label) and his spicy spirited namesake takes mixed drinks to the next level.

**7 Chambord Liqueur, $36.99-$45.95**
When it comes to fruit liqueurs, the ripe black raspberry intensity of Chambord (named for the French Château) can't be beat. It looks fine and tastes even better — especially when a few drops are added to white or sparkling wine.

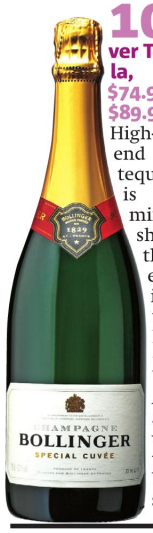
**8 Taylor Fladgate 10 Year Old Tawny Port, $34.95-$39.81**
Port is the classic seasonal sipper with this full-figured style made from a blend of vintages no less than a decade old. Roaring fire not included.

### Splurges $50+

**9 Glenora Distillery Glen Breton Rare Single Malt Canadian Whisky, $74.95-$89.55**
Though scotch connoisseurs may pooh-pooh mainstream Canadian whisky, this Nova Scotian is the only single malt version made in North America and upstages its novelty with a great mouthfeel.

**10 Patron Silver Tequila, $74.99-$89.99**
High-end tequila is as mixable and shootable as the cheaper stuff — it just tastes a lot better. Co-owned by Dan Aykroyd, a bottle of white Patron will bring a smile to the face any spirit (or Ghostbuster) fan.

**11 Bollinger Special Cuvée Champagne, $79.95-$82.92**
For the 007 buff on your list, nothing will put the sparkle in their glass like a bottle of Bollinger. Rich and sophisticated, the Champagne maker has been Bond's on-screen choice since the days of Pierce Brosnan.




**12 Remy Martin Louis XIII Cognac, $1,870-$2,400**
There isn't a drop of booze inside this über-premium Backarack Crystal bottle under the age of 50 — making it the dream dram for cognac lovers and pretty good over ice with a splash of Coke.

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# Gifts for the film buff

This G.I. Joe A Real American Hero: Complete Collectors Set comes in a toolbox with a lot of extras, including a G.I. dog tag flash drive.

PETER HOWELL
for Metro Canada

**DVDs were designed to make the home movie-watching experience more convenient, by miniaturizing the film and the packaging.**

But at this time of the year, they go in the opposite direction, losing all sense of proportion in the quest to separate movie lovers from their money.

Studios and distributors roll out the big boxes of films and artists they deem most gift-worthy, and there's no limit to their size or imagination.

Here's a selection of some of the more interesting sets, with suggestions as to whom might most like to find them under the Christmas tree.

Prices quoted may vary, so shop around for sales.

## For the true film aficionado

**AK 100: 25 Films by Akira Kurosawa, $364**

There's almost no part of arthouse or mainstream moviegoing that Japan's Akira Kurosawa hasn't influenced: The Hidden Fortress became George Lucas' template for Star Wars; Seven Samurai started as a western tribute and turned into a much-copied icon; and Rashomon changed narrative cinema forever with its multiple-viewer approach to a crime story. Kurosawa is considered by many critics to be the greatest director who ever lived, and this magnificent Criterion set celebrates what would have been his 100th birthday. It features 25 of the films he made over his 50-year career (including four previously unavailable on DVD) plus a hardcover book of photos, descriptions and commentaries.

## For the romantic & the restless

**Gone With the Wind: Ultimate Collector's Edition Blu-Ray, $62**

Franky, my dear, if you're a fan of this Civil War love saga, 70 years old this year, you probably already own at least one copy on VHS or DVD. But if you're looking to get into Blu-Ray, here's your reason. The restored print is pristine, and comes with a host of extras, including recreations of theatre posters and pamphlets, and a wealth of historical info on the making of this undisputed classic.

## For the gritty realist

**Samuel Fuller Film Collection, $68**

Under-appreciated in his lifetime, yet gaining belated kudos thanks to Quentin Tarantino, Martin Scorsese and other admirers, Samuel Fuller approached everything from drama to comedy at full-bore and without fear. This set collects seven films the former crime reporter directed or wrote for Columbia Pictures, including Shockproof and Underworld U.S.A.

## For gung-ho regular joes

**G.I. Joe A Real American Hero: Complete Collectors Set, $126**

If you didn't get enough Joe from last summer's live-action movie adaptation, reload with this complete set of the cartoon series that started it all. Comes in a toolbox with a boatload of extras, including a G.I. dog tag flash drive.

## For the light-hearted & the clumsy

**National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 20th Anniversary Collector's Edition, $42**

If you're going to make a fool of yourself at Christmas, you might as well do it in style. This comedy favourite, featuring Chevy Chase's popular doofus Clark Griswold as a Yule Fool, celebrates its 20th anniversary with a Blu-Ray upgrade in a metal-can gift set that includes instant snow powder and drink coasters.

## For the feel-good fanatic

**Forrest Gump: 15th Anniversary Chocolate Box Gift Set, $27**

Life is like a box of chocolates and so is this bizarre gift set, which bundles the inspirational Tom Hanks starrer and Oscar winner inside a cavity-free candy container — would you believe the chocs are just scratch-and-sniff cardboard? But the set is loaded with featurettes and other extras that will make fans want to run with Forrest.

## For the wild & not-so-innocent

**Quentin Tarantino Collection, $40**

Aw-right! The first six films from America's favourite former video stork clerk, from Reservoir Dogs to Pulp Fiction to Deathproof. Six-disc set come with a photo book and mini Kill Bill plastic samurai sword and stand. All you need now is Inglourious Basterds, his latest, which comes out on DVD this month.

AK 100: 25 Films by Akira Kurosawa includes a hardcover book of photos. The Gone With the Wine: Ultimate Collector's Edition Blu-Ray, above right, includes recreations of theatre posters.

The National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 20th Anniversary Collector's Edition includes instant snow powder and coasters.

**Stocking stuffer**

From... With Love, $59.95, is comes in a Russian-designed hatbox and includes Snow Fairy body wash. Available at LUSH, 1-866-644-5874, lush.ca. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Life of the party

**Cadbury Hot Chocolate Drink Maker**, $59.95. Available at Walmart, Kitchen Stuff Plus, Blockbuster, Stokes, Giant Tiger, and other select retailers across Canada. Go to canada.cadbury.com for more.

**Dessert shooters**, $14.99 for a pack of eight. Flavours include praline and raspberry with white chocolate and cocoa. Available at Metro, metro.ca.

**Green & Black's Organic Seasonal Edition Miniature Bar Collection**, $22.59. For more, go to greenandblacks.com.

**Indigolife Festive Crackers**, $15.99 for a pack of 10, at Indigo stores across Canada.

**Irresistibles European Biscuits**, $9.99, at Metro. For more, go to metro.ca.

**European Hot Chocolate Pot**, $39.99, at Indigo and Chapters stores across Canada.

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# Warm & toasty

**Pink and grey bustier**, $59.50, and **pink and grey panty**, $12.50. Both available at La Senza. For more, go to lasenza.com.

**Pyjama pants**, $12 each, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca.

**Shea butter-infused socks**, $9 a pair. Available at all Bath & Body Works stores across Canada. For more, go to bathandbodyworks.com.

**Printed flannel pyjama pants**, $17.50 each, at Old Navy. For more, go to oldnavy.ca.

**Zebra throw**, $49.95, at Pier 1 Imports. For more, go to pier1.ca.

**Shearling boots**, $39.50. Available at all Bath & Body Works stores across Canada. For more, go to bathandbodyworks.com.

**Slippers**, $8 a pair, by Joe Fresh Style. For more, go to joe.ca.

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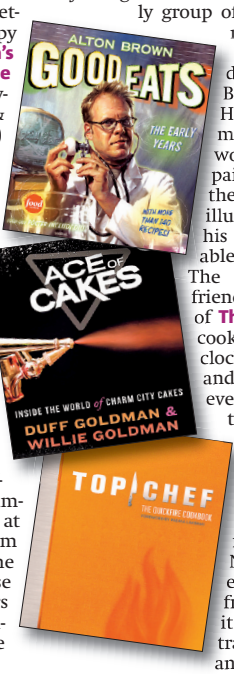
# Foodie fare

**Whether your holiday gift list is filled with gourmet chefs, television addicts or people who just love a good tale, this year's crop of cookbooks and other food-related volumes offers some excellent gift choices.**

Here's a guide to help you pick through the deluge.

### For Food Network junkies

Can't pry that friend/cousin/husband/wife away from the Food Network? Stash a copy of **Alton Brown's Good Eats: The Early Years** (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, $37.50) under the tree. Brown's wacky spunk drives the episode-by-episode breakdown of his hit show's first six seasons. Complete with 140 recipes and a fold-out poster!



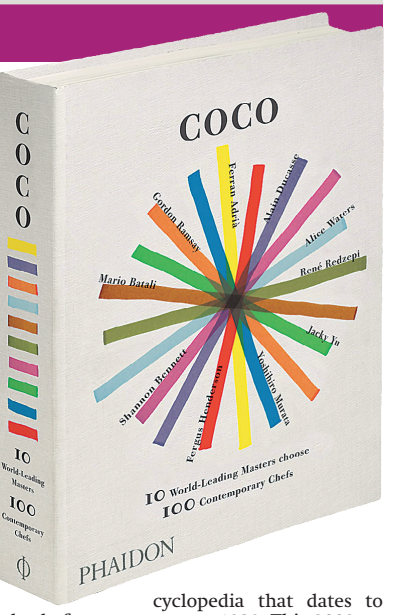

**Ace of Cakes: Inside the World of Charm City Cakes** (William Morrow, $35) offers a photo album-scrapbook of life at Baltimore's Charm City Bakery, the birthplace of those spectacular towers of fondant featured on the show.

Or surprise your aspiring Top Chef with **Top Chef: The Quickfire Cookbook** (Chronicle Books, $19.95), a collection of 75 recipes from the show plus advice on staging your own Quickfire Challenges at home.

### For chef groupies

Know someone two steps away from tattooing "I Love Ramen" across their chest? Give them **Momofuku** (Clarkson Potter, $40), super-chef David Chang's spirited account of creating his beloved and unlikely group of New York restaurants.

Last year, devotees of British chef Heston Blumenthal would have paid $250 for the cookbook illuminating his science-enabled cooking. The recession-friendly re-issue of **The Fat Duck** cookbook clocks in at $50 and offers everything but the gilt (honest) and size (down to 2.2 kilograms from 5.5). No one will ever cook from it, but it is an extraordinary and beautiful monograph (Bloomsbury, $50).




**Coco: 10 World-Leading Masters, 100 Contemporary Chefs** tasks 10 chefs, including Mario Batali and Alice Waters with critiquing 100 of their contemporaries.

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### For food geeks

No serious cook can live without **Larousse Gastronomique**, the authoritative culinary encyclopedia that dates to 1938. This 2009 revision (Clarkson Potter, $90) includes cooking methods that have emerged since the 2001 update, such as sous vide and molecular gastronomy, new biographies of contemporary chefs such as Ferran Adria, and more than 400 photographs.

Think of **The Deluxe Food Lover's Companion** (Barron's, $29.99) as Larousse-lite, a handy, accessible, countertop reference for more than 6,000 tools, techniques, ingredients and tips.

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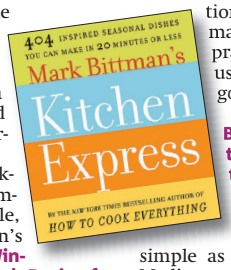


Part cookbook, part family chronicle, Suzan Colon's **Cherries in Winter: My Family's Recipe for Hope in Hard Times** (Doubleday, $21.95) tracks three generations of women who find comfort in their kitchens. Colon begins her quest after being laid off, making it a tale for today.

### For busy cooks

For harried cooks who nonetheless disdain five-ingredient cookbooks or 30-minute meal solutions, there is no better book than **Mark Bittman's Kitchen Express: 404 Inspired Seasonal Dishes You Can Make in 20 Minutes or Less** (Simon and Schuster, $26). Filled with paragraph-long suggestions for delicious, straightforward weeknight fare, Bittman ditches the traditional recipe format in favour of practical ways to use what you've got on hand.

**Rachael Ray's Book of 10: More than 300 Recipes to Cook Every Day** (Clarkson Potter, $20) offers recipes as simple as the title. From Mediterranean chicken to stuffed cabbage soup, Ray offers her top 10 recipes in categories from Family Faves to $10 Meals.

### For beginners

Moosewood Cookbook author Mollie Katzen offers beginners recipes for simple, satisfying fare, as well as tips for rounding out a soup meal, riffing on established recipes and generally getting the hang of things in **Get Cooking: 150 Recipes to Get You Started in the Kitchen** (HarperStudio, $24.99). Send your kid off to college with this one.

### For kids

**Paula Deen's Cookbook for the Lunch-box Set** (Simon and Schuster, $21.99) offers pre-teen chefs illustrated recipes for fun food, including apple raisin muffins, basic cheese fondue and pan-fried chicken.

A great book for family night or parties with friends.

Jazz up your kids' steady diet of pizza and pasta with **The Silver Spoon for Children** (Phaidon, $19.95), a step-by-step volume that adapts classic Italian recipes for little hands. Whimsical drawings add to the fun.

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# Light up Hanukkah

**Hanukkah is a joyful holiday that comes with its own rituals, foods, games, songs and stories.**

That makes it easy to throw a party, especially since the traditions can be enjoyed by guests of all ages and backgrounds.

Everyone loves yummy latkes and the sight of those beautiful menorah candles lighting up a dark winter night. But the parties are not only a way for Jewish families to share their heritage; they're also a way to connect with friends and neighbours. Here are some ideas for creating the perfect Hanukkah party.

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Latkes are a traditional Hanukkah food.

### Latkes

You can't have Hanukkah without latkes. These are pancakes made from shredded potatoes, onions and eggs, with a little salt and flour mixed in, then fried golden brown and served with applesauce and sour cream. You can buy them frozen and heat them up to ease your burdens as hostess, but making them from scratch is part of the fun.

### Other Food

Fried food is traditional for Hanukkah, so try ready-made chicken wings.

### Treats

Traditional sweets include jelly doughnuts (called sufganiyot) and chocolate coins covered in metal foil (called gelt). Put a bowl of chocolate gelt on the table, or hand out party bags with a dreidel and some chocolate coins in each.

### Dreidels

To play dreidel, small wooden or plastic dreidels are best. You'll also need pennies, 10 for each player and more for a communal pot. If you don't have enough pennies, use dried beans, wrapped chocolate gelt or even poker chips.

Each side of the dreidel bears a different Hebrew letter. The letter facing up when the top stops spinning determines what happens in the game. Make a chart for the rules so everyone can follow.

**Hanukkah begins Friday**

### Crafts, songs and stories

Set up a table for art activities for younger kids. Judaica stores and websites offer all sorts of Hanukkah-themed colouring books, stickers, dreidels to decorate and other projects.

### Candles

Menorahs are lit at sundown. Make sure you have enough candles and set the menorahs in a spot where they won't pose a fire danger.

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This Warm Caesar Asiago Spinach Dip is a crowd-pleaser.

# Simple spinach dip

**This restaurant-quality easy-to-prepare dip will soon become a favourite at all of your celebrations and informal get togethers — if you are willing to share! Serves 24.**

## Warm Caesar Asiago Spinach Dip

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 white onion, julienned
- 3 cups fresh spinach, blanched (plunged into boiling water for 30 seconds and submerged under cold water to stop cooking process), squeezed and chopped; will reduce to ½ cup cooked
- 1 can artichoke hearts, drained and coarsely chopped
- 1½ cup cream cheese
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup Renée's Gourmet Caesar Dressing
- ¼ cup mozzarella, grated

**METHOD:**

1 Preheat oven to 325 F. Heat oil in a sauce pan over high heat until just smoking, add onions and immediately reduce heat to medium. Continuously stir onions, cooking until they turn golden yet still soft. Set aside to cool.

2 Mix all remaining ingredients, spoon into an oven-proof dish.

3 Heat in oven until warmed through, approximately 10 minutes and serve with tortilla chips or Renée's Crostini.

### Tasty Additions

- **Renée's Crostini:** Preheat oven to 325 F, slice baguette into 1-inch rounds that are ¼-inch thick, place on a baking sheet, brush crostini with Renée's Caesar Dressing and bake until golden and crisp.

- **Adults only:** Add a dash of Pernod or scotch to the dip, just before serving.
- **Time-saving tip:** Instead of fresh spinach, use frozen spinach. Just thaw and squeeze dry.

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Try making this glazed bacon chive shortbread (recipe below).

# Holiday shortbread

This savoury shortbread with bacon, chives and maple syrup is perfect for breakfast, brunch or as a holiday hors d'oeuvre with a glass of wine. Makes 16 squares.

## Glazed Bacon Chive Shortbread

**INGREDIENTS:**
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 tbsp icing sugar
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup chopped, crispy bacon
- 2 tbsp finely chopped chives
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp rice flour
- 1 tbsp maple syrup

**METHOD:**

1 Grease an 8-inch square baking pan; set aside.

2 In a large bowl, beat butter with sugar and salt using an electric mixer, for 2 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add bacon and chives; mix until evenly distributed.

3 In a separate bowl, combine all-purpose flour with rice flour. Add flour mixture to butter mixture; stir until just combined.

4 Preheat oven to 325 F. Press dough, in an even layer, into prepared pan. Cover and chill for 30 minutes or until firm.

5 Lightly score dough with a knife into 16 squares (do not cut all the way through). Brush top with maple syrup.

6 Bake for 25 to 35 minutes or until set and lightly golden. Immediately cut through scored wedges. Transfer pan to a wire rack and cool completely.

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**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 100g Green & Black's Organic Dark 70% bar
- ½ cup of 35% cream
- 1 tbsp plus 2 tsp water
- 2 dried, chopped red chilies

**CONVENTIONAL METHOD:**

1 Break up the chocolate and put in a saucepan with the cream and water.

2 Over low heat stir with a small wire whisk until ingredients are smooth and combined. Add red chilies and stir. If the resulting sauce is too thick, add a few drops of water and whisk to blend.

3 Serve with fruit and nuts. If fondue becomes cool and thick, microwave for 10 seconds and stir.

**MICROWAVE METHOD:**

1 Break up the chocolate and put in a plastic bowl with the cream and water.

2 Give the mixture 10-20 second bursts in the microwave, whisking in between. Do this until blended and warm.

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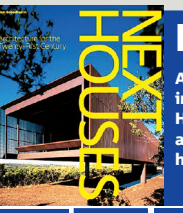


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# Bungalows offer glamour, warmth

Suite Talk

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**Balancing modern and traditional elements is never easy but The Bungalows at Kilgour Estate pulls the effect off well.**

Tania Richardson and Melandro Quilatan, principle partners at Tomas Pearce Interior Design Consulting Inc., outfitted the spacious model suite with classic elements while staying true to modern sensibilities.

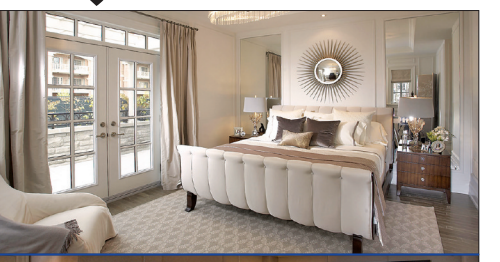
"We wanted to design a space that will appeal to traditionalists and modernists alike," Quilatan said.

Streamlined simplicity accentuates the fresh, open-concept look while cooler tones and elegant touches maintain a sense of glamour throughout the suite, particularly within the main living area where a baby grand piano provides a focal point for the layout of the space.

"We've taken away the formality while respecting the open concept. It's about mixing the traditional with the streamlined," Richardson said.

## More information

- The Bungalows at Kilgour Estate; Located at Bayview Ave., south of Lawrence Ave.; Website: kilgourestate.com; Available now; Sizes and pricing: Designs range from 4,600 to 5,500 sq. ft, priced from $1.6 million



As expected from any bungalow design, the principle bedrooms and the master ensuite are on the main floor but a partial second floor with guest and secondary rooms infuses a modern sense of practicality into the entire unit.

In the kitchen, Richardson and Quilatan took their inspiration directly from the gorgeous stone floor tiles, picking out colours and shades to create a unified look that invites warmth.

"Serenity is important. Because the kitchen is the centre of the home, we wanted to establish a peaceful emotion there," Quilatan said.

In the expansive basement area, which includes a billiards room and movie room, Richardson and Quilatan made a point of keeping things light and airy despite the lack of natural light. Pot lights and strategically placed mirrors help maintain a good balance between light and shadow that avoids the dimness of most basements without over-lighting the space.

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# Relax in a sauna on your own time

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If relaxation and walking around in big fluffy robes with white fuzzy slippers sounds good to you, a sauna might be a good investment.

There are a few different ways to generate heat on cold evenings, but the one I was thinking about most recently, I must admit, is the sauna.

Not being of Finnish extraction, I first glimpsed an indoor sauna — a cedar-lined little room in the suburban basement of a friend's house — a few decades ago. We tried it out, but didn't really get it. Apparently, neither did the rest of my friend's family, since they started using it as a storage closet not long after that.

But times have changed. Spas and relaxation and walking around in big fluffy robes with white fuzzy slippers are big these days. And this could help explain why pre-built saunas, not very evident a few years ago, are now starting to appear in hardware and bath stores.

I now understand the appeal of the sauna more than I used to. Although not everyone would agree, there is a sizable group of people who believe that it's a wonderful feeling to sit in a hot wooden box and sweat, cool down (and perhaps roll in the snow), and then do it again. It relaxes, relieves stress, and creates a feeling of well-being. Plus, let's face it, it's a huge hoot.

Besides that, time in the sauna will provide temporary relief to otherwise healthy people who suffer pains and aches due to arthritis or strenuous physical activity. All that sweating is good for the skin as well, since it washes out impurities. Although it isn't medically proven, anecdotal evidence suggests there may be other benefits, such as detoxification (the sweating out of toxins accumulated in the body), weight loss as a result of a revved-up metabolism, among others.

The new kid on the block is the infrared sauna, which heats people and objects, rather than the air in a sauna. It works in exactly the same way as the sun's warming energy, minus the harmful effects associated with ultra-violet radiation.

The infrared sauna allows bodies to warm and sweat without raising the temperature of the surrounding air as much as a traditional sauna, thus eliminating the need to sit in a super-hot enclosure and breathe in hot air. The infrared sauna heats up more quickly, is often cheaper to install, and is also a lot more energy-efficient than the traditional sauna.

But for the die-hard traditionalist, the old-fashioned Finnish sauna, built outdoors with a wood-heated stove, is still the only way to go. Without the high heat, the hiss of water on stone, and the ancient rituals of the sauna, they're just not happy.

Of course, there are all sorts of other possibilities — just check online and you'll see the huge range of saunas, both traditional with different types of heaters and infrared, for indoor and outdoor, in different sizes and finishes, and in every price range, from $1000 for a small portable unit up to $5000 or more for a large four-person cedar pre-fab unit.

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**By Josette Blackwood Photography by Robin Stubbert**

Homeowner Helen Grant chose a square wreath to pick up on the 1950s bungalow's linear design. She sprayed it bright silver as a contemporary twist on traditional red and green.

Danielle Pickfield bought a President's Choice garland, wreath and contemporary planter at Zehrs for her 1915 Edwardian home. Cost: $75. Decorating time: Four minutes!

Treat a stately entrance with simple snowflake motifs. Graphic flakes brighten the dark door and soften its lines. Potted evergreens topped with gold snowflakes have a rustic yet charming look.

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# The tricky ins and quirky outs of Land Transfer Tax

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**Q I am a first time homebuyer and I don't understand what I am supposed to budget for Land Transfer Tax. Can you help?**

**A** The answer is not as simple as one might think but here are some of the basic points:

• If you are a first-time homebuyer and you are purchasing in the City of Toronto — bound by Steeles Avenue, western Etobicoke, eastern Scarborough and Lake Ontario — and your purchase price is under $400,000.00 then you are exempt from the Municipal Land Transfer Tax.

Over that price you will have to pay a portion of land transfer tax. If you are buying outside of those geographical boundaries, there is no Municipal Land Transfer Tax payable.

**"If you are buying the house with someone, and they are not first-time purchasers, you may still be eligible for a provincial rebate if you have not co-habited with them when they owned their home."**

• For first time homebuyers throughout Ontario, you receive a rebate for the first $2,000 payable or approximately the first $200,000 in purchase price. However, this is where it gets a bit tricky.

• If you are buying the house with someone, and they are not first-time purchasers you may still be eligible for a provincial rebate if you have not co-habited with them during the time that they owned their home. However, if you have owned a home anywhere in the world you are not eligible for the first-time homebuyer's provincial tax rebate.

• Some people purchase homes in percentages in order to take advantage of one person's tax rebate status. A typical set up would be that the person who is eligible for the rebate will purchase 99 per cent of the home while the unrebatable person only takes a one per cent ownership.

• The rules can be tricky and you should consult with you lawyer so you can properly budget for the tax as it can form a fairly substantial cost (especially if you are buying in Toronto). Information and calculation formulas are available on the internet to assist you. Best of luck.

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**Air quality in the winter**
For Grade-A air, Merv McBride, owner of home improvement chain Handyman Connection, proposes having your furnace professionally checked each season and ensuring furnace filters are completely clean. BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

# Never too late to batten the hatches

## 'Winterizing' your home is a vital step for both comfort and your pocketbook

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Be sure to seal your windows this winter.

**Old Man Winter doesn't like your house.**

It's not you. It's him. With his combination of freezing temperatures, roaring winds and heaps of snow, how can the guy resist inching his way into every window crack, flooding unprotected nooks, and picking apart a structure so inferior to his climatic wrath?

But don't worry just yet; it's not too late to restore your blizzardy bond. Merv McBride, owner of home improvement chain Handyman Connection says by taking a few, economical steps to winterize your home, you can ward off damage and save money on home heating bills.

"When winterizing your home, you're really thinking about three things: Energy conservation and how to save money, how to preserve air quality and how to avoid any damage to your home," he says.

The greatest instance of damage for homes in locations that experience freeze-thaw cycles — like Southern Ontario and the West Coast — is the formation of ice-dams, says McBride. That's when heat escapes through inadequate insulation in the attic, melting rooftop snow, damaging shingles and even leaking through the roof.

**"If it's a crack in the frame, caulking is the way to go to seal that hole. If it's a loose window in the frame, your only choice is to put weather stripping in there."**
Merv McBride, owner of home improvement chain Handyman Connection on windows

To prevent ice-dams, McBride suggests installing fresh batt or blow-in insulation. While it can get pricey, he says, "It's probably small in comparison to the money you're losing with the heat going through the ceiling, especially if you're in a very cold climate."

Flooding can also result from clogged eaves troughs, which McBride suggests clearing out well before winter descends. "If that water can't get away, it ends up running over the edge of the eaves and down to the foundation of your home," he says, "The ground's frozen, the warmest part is near the house and if you get a lot of water built up against the foundation, it could escape into your home."

As a general tip for homeowners across Canada, McBride says checking for, and sealing cracks in windows and doors can reduce escaping heat and utility bills.

"If it's a crack in the frame, caulking is the way to go to seal that hole. If it's a loose window in the frame, your only choice is to put weather stripping in there." To make sure your sealing is successful, turn off the lights, look outside and if you see light, McBride says it means air is entering and the crevasse must be covered.

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# Father Christmas, meet Mother Nature: Eco-friendly ways to decorate

**Plastic ornaments, strands of electricity-hogging lights, trees chopped down by the millions: Christmas decorating isn't exactly known as environmentally friendly.**

But, say design experts, there are plenty of ways to bring the sparkle and style of the season into your home without increasing your carbon footprint.

### BRING THE OUTDOORS IN

Search outside, says Atlanta-based interior designer Mallory Mathison, for natural materials such as "leaves, branches, cones of all types and berries." She creates holiday centrepieces by filling bowls or baskets with fresh fruits and vegetables. With pine cones, "collect as many different types as possible. They need to be dry, so lay them out in the attic or garage." Try displaying them, she says, in large silver bowls, long trays or "a big, funky pottery bowl."

If you're buying a live Christmas tree, consider one that can be replanted after the holidays. Some are available in pots, others have their roots tied up loosely in fabric.

"They're usually shorter than the cut variety because they have the root ball," says Mathison. "So use a large clay or metal container to boost the tree up to your preferred height. Drape the container with fabulous fabric or wrap it in paper. If you have small children, let them decorate the paper with white snowflakes or hand prints."

### Rev up some burned-out bulbs

• Got burned-out bulbs from old strands of lights? Or strands that work but you no longer use? Designer Brian Patrick Flynn, of the TBS series Movie and a Makeover, suggests displaying them in a glass vase.

### WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

"Everyone thinks eco-friendly means everything has to be made out of 'sustainable this' and 'sustainable that,'" Sabrina Soto, host of HGTV's Real Estate Intervention says. "But going to the thrift store is eco-friendly."

If you find mismatched, transparent Christmas balls at a thrift shop, Soto says you can make them work even if they don't quite fit your decor. Change their look by unscrewing the top, pouring in a few drops of eco-friendly paint and swirling it around. The colour will show through, giving the group of ornaments a cohesive look that matches the rest of your tree.

### LET THERE BE LIGHT

Soto recommends swapping out old strands of Christmas lights for energy-saving LED lights. They're easy to find at various retailers.

And for lots of shine with minimal electricity, use ornaments that catch light and reflect it. Put the word out among friends that you're seeking glass or crystal pendants from old light fixtures, and comb secondhand shops for these pieces. Once you've collected a few, attach ornament hooks and drape them on sturdy tree branches.

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**Hilfiger's estate sells for $20M**

Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger's luxury estate in Connecticut has sold for $20 million, about $8 million below its original asking price. The 20,000-square-foot Greenwich mansion is being purchased by a family who toured it in September. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Style

## Silverware's second life

**Old utensils take on a whole new meaning (and function) once artist Danielle O'Connor is done with them. The Ontario-based award-winning jewellery designer is the creator of the Original Beaded Silverware Bracelet — made from old forks, spoons and butter knives and adorned with glass beads and wire. Starting at $30, each piece is one of a kind and can be adjusted to fit any wrist size. For a retailer near you, visit danielleoconnorjewellery.com.** METRO NEWS SERVICE

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# Be a man: Wear a skirt

## Effeminate runway trend goes mainstream with 2010 H&M collection

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**The evolution of man continues on the runway as the man-skirt is officially introduced into the mainstream fashion lexicon as part of H&M's 2010 spring collection for men.**

Designers started putting men in skirts and sending them down the runway but the world did not really take notice until high profile designer Marc Jacobs started appearing in one for shows and events a few seasons ago.

Social conditioning that skirts are for women are being challenged with designers like Prada, Yves Saint Laurent and Alexander McQueen unveiling long and short skirts, pleated skirts and kilts, for men.

After all, men have been wearing skirts as part of native attire for years — the Scottish kilt, the Greek foustanella, the dhoti and lungi in India, the sarong in Southeast Asia, and the lavalava in Samoa.

Western culture has long resisted the man-skirt, holding fears of it being branded as effeminate.

"Our spring collection has a strong global inspiration and many ethnic influences," said Karen Richter, showroom manager at H&M Canada. "Men wearing skirts is common in many other cultures around the world."

> **"Our spring (2010) collection has a strong global inspiration."**
> Karen Richter, H&M Canada

H&M shows the pleated skort with a graphic T-shirt, a tailored blazer, leggings and a tough boot.

Also, H&M is bringing back an old look. Drop-crotch pants, or harem pants, for the urban man — a look some might remember from the late '80s.

It's a trend that can be seen on men and women in Europe but North Americans can't seem to let go of MC Hammer and "…Can't Touch This," look.

Givenchy, Dior Homme, Phillip Lim, Giorgio Armani, Ralph Lauren and many others designers have re-introduced the drop-crotch silhouette.

H&M shows the harem pants with a bright T-shirt, graphic maxi scarf and a cotton spring jacket.

And, bringing that avant-garde look, along with the man-skirt in March 2010, H&M brings other daring looks to its spring collection for men looking to embrace future fashion trends.

"There are certain male customers who are always looking to be one step ahead of the trends and who like to stand out from the crowd," Richter said. "(Look for) lots of florals, bright colours, embroidery and beading, which are all details that are often unexpected in a men's collection."

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H&M's men "skort," left ($59.95), hits stores mid-March. (It will be available at the Eaton Centre location).

### Designer skirt watch

- Designer Marc Jacobs (pictured left) wore a skirt to the launch of V61, an event hosted by V magazine, this past September. Jacobs also sported the trend at the Marc By Marc Jacobs Spring 2010 fashion show at The Armory in New York that same month.

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Audrey Hepburn's black lace Givenchy dress.

## Hepburn's classic wardrobe for sale

**AUCTION** Audrey Hepburn fans now have a chance to purchase dozens of garments and personal effects once belonging to the movie star in an auction that began this week in London. A Givenchy cocktail dress and cropped jacket made from black lace — which Hepburn wore in the 1966 romantic comedy How to Steal a Million, co-starring Peter O'Toole — is expected to fetch the sale's highest price of between 15,000-20,000 pounds — though auctioneer Kerry Taylor acknowledges the estimates are very approximate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## In brief

**GOODWILL** Women across Canada are being invited to bring their favourite "previously loved" shoes, boots or handbags to any Nine West store and get $20 off any $100 purchase. Donations will be given to the local Goodwill outlet. The campaign runs until Sunday. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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**Did you know?**
While Hugo Boss has eight stores in Canada, the new Toronto location is the country's first flagship store in Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICES

SUPPLIED PHOTOS

A new three-storey Hugo Boss store, located at 83 Bloor St. W., offers footwear, accessories and men's and women's apparel. The flagship store also offers an event space for private functions.

# A new Boss in town

## Bloor Street welcomes high-end flagship store

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada

**Just in time for the holiday shopping frenzy, Hugo Boss opened the doors to its new 12,000 square foot flagship store last Friday.**

Located on the swankiest strip of Bloor St., the boutique counts on neighbours with names like Gucci, Prada and Chanel, and sits within winking distance of Holt Renfrew.

While the store remains faithful to the German label's spare, elegant minimalism, the new three-storey space experiments with a more modern concept, which it hopes will bring customers an enhanced experience of shopping at the brand.

"The concept is really how we present our merchandise," says Hugo Boss CEO and Chairman of the Americas Michael Brashear. "We really focused on the materials and the customer experience — from the fitting rooms to the way that we showcase each product category — so they really can feel the world of Hugo Boss in a very sensual and seductive way."

Part of that concept involves a warmer, more luxurious interior that the company hopes will mirror the living spaces of its customers and make them feel more at home. For instance, stained oak, plush white leather couches and specially designed lighting has been employed to best display collections of footwear, handbags, eyewear, scarves, watches, and of course, men's and women's apparel.

More notably, the entire third floor has been transformed into a multifaceted event space, designed to host private and corporate functions.

The decision to include such a space stems from the company's desire to create a sense of community surrounding the Hugo Boss label.

"Part of what we want to bring to downtown Toronto is the whole notion of entertaining and engaging customers," says Brashear. "You have the store experience, which is one experience, but by offering a venue where you can attract local groups, we think that will add leverage toward creating action and energy, both for Bloor Street and Hugo Boss."

• The new flagship store is located at 83 Bloor St. W.

### Hugo event room

• The versatile Hugo Boss event room offers both indoor and outdoor space in the warmer months. Designed to seat up to 150 people, the room is a flexible, open area that can easily be transformed to suit any theme. JORDANA DIVON/ FOR METRO CANADA

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# Deciphering Mrs. O's style

## New book examines first lady's fashion choices over the past year

Right: Mrs. O: The Face of Fashion Democracy by Mary Tomer is available at Chapters and Indigo stores across the country or online at chapters.indigo.ca for $31.99.

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

**Mary Tomer, the woman behind the hugely popular website, Mrs. O (mrs-o.org), has released the book Mrs. O: The Face of Fashion Democracy, which examines Michelle Obama's personal style.**

An advertising account planner by day, Tomer has spent her free time during the past 12 months tirelessly cataloguing the US first lady's outfits, which is no easy task. (Is that belt Azzedine Alaïa or J.Crew?) It involves a certain amount of detective work, including countless hours studying runway photos on Style.com and sending emails to fashion publicity firms.

As a result, Tomer's site has become a must-read for industry insiders, fashion lovers and Ms. Obama fans alike.

Here Tomer breaks down the method behind her website:

**Sussing out Mrs. Obama's favourites:** "When I was starting up the blog, I would religiously study the top collections of the season on Style.com. Early on, I became aware that Ikram Goldman was an influential force in Michelle Obama's wardrobe, so I particularly studied up on the designers carried in her Chicago boutique," she explains.

**Canvassing the fashion brands:** "There was one Mrs. O mystery look that I was determined to include in this book, but I had to identify the designer in order to do so. As I was doing research and interviews for the book, I would ask various PR people if their designer was responsible," she says. "Someone finally pointed me to Jonathan Saunders and I then confirmed with his PR team. They weren't previously aware that the first lady had worn the dress and were delighted."

**Building a helpful peanut gallery:** "If I wasn't sure (of an outfit), I would throw out a few suggestions on the blog, and see what the site community thought. The site community has grown considerably, so even when I'm stuck, someone on the blog can weigh in to help me identify the designer."

### First lady face-off

- Michelle Obama beat out Carla Bruni for the first spot in French Elle's annual "Political Chic" best-dressed list. The magazine gave the American first lady credit for her adventurous style and her penchant for wearing younger, emerging designers such as Jason Wu.

KENYA HUNT/
METRO WORLD NEWS

**It's a boy for Bundchen and Brady**
Gisele Bundchen has given birth to a healthy baby boy, according to People magazine, although she and Tom Brady did not release details on the birth or the name of the newborn. METRO WORLD NEWS

# Entertainment

**Extortion threat**
John Stamos was the target of an alleged extortion attempt. Stamos says he was blackmailed for $680,000 US by a man and woman claiming they had threatening photos of the former Full House star. TVGUIDE.COM

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# Sorry attempt to apologize

## Chris Brown

**Album:** Graffiti
**Label:** Jive/Sony Music
**Rating:** ●

**CHRIS BROWN SHOULD** have waited a year before releasing a new record, as it's impossible not to listen to this and hear another half-hearted attempt to apologize for beating the pulp out of Rihanna, while making himself out to be the wounded boyfriend. Famous Girl is the most explicit song about his ex. And an offensive one at that. "You were the first to play games," "Keisha would have told me I was sent from heaven," "Some famous girls will break your heart" — classic blame the victim behaviour. Skip this disingenuous — and musically vapid — disc.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

## Clipse

**Album:** Til The Casket Drops
**Label:** Re-Up/Columbia
**Rating:** ●●●●

**IF MALICE AND** Pusha T could sell records based on praise, they'd have bigger figures than both Jay-Z and Eminem. But after an oppressive record deal and the commercial disaster of 2006's brilliant Hell Hath No Fury, the Thornton brothers return with newfound relaxedness. It works both for and against them on their third album. Mixing it up with Cam'ron and Kanye, the bravado comes with an airy exhilaration, but joints with Pharrell and Keri Hilson cry for mainstream acceptance. Still, minus the signature coke-raps and hard knocks, it's still the Clipse, and they're still kinda like a big deal.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

## CharlotteGainsbourg

**Album:** IRM
**Label:** Because/Warner
**Rating:** ●●●●

**THIS ALBUM SHOULD** be co-credited to Beck, who wrote all of the music and co-wrote the lyrics. Named after the traumatic brain hemorrhage Charlotte suffered after a water-skiing accident, IRM is a collaboration that's as much the influence of her parents (Serge Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin) as it is Beck's recent string of studio quickies. While it's their duet on Heaven Can Wait and the crank eccentricity of Greenwich Mean Time that will attract his fans, it's the lush, seductive orchestrations peppered throughout and psychedelic sound collages like IRM and Trick Pony that make it her album and not just Beck's pet project.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Chris Brown makes a half-hearted attempt to apologize on Graffiti.

## Neil Young

**Album:** Dreamin' Man
**Label:** Reprise/Warner
**Rating:** ●●●●

**WINNIPEG-RAISED** Neil Young can't do anything wrong, even when he releases his least exciting live album to date. Dreamin Man was recorded in 1992 and features every song off Harvest Moon. In terms of the singer-songwriters' live discs, it's not as thrilling as Live at Massey Hall or Live at the Fillmore East, but it's still damn good. It's just Young and his acoustic playing mellow renditions of the already low-key Harvest Moon. It's haunting and dramatic and his voice is in perfect shape. An excellent holiday gift for the Neil lover.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

## 30 Seconds To Mars

**Album:** This is War
**Label:** Virgin/EMI
**Rating:** ●●

**IF ONLY ALL** musicians were famous actors first. Unlike most bands, Jared Leto's 30 Seconds To Mars had a built-in audience when it formed, which has helped the group sell millions of records. Their music can't be the reason for the success — it's some of the most unimaginative work around. The group's latest is a messy collection of U2-like rock songs loaded with Leto's distorted howls and yells and uncoordinated guitars. It's also incredibly mundane. He's done one good things here — getting fans around the world to contribute sounds to the disc — but that's where the group's creativity ends.

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## Juvenile

**Album:** Cocky & Confident
**Label:** Atlantic/Warner
**Rating:** ●●●½

**TERIUS GRAY, A.K.A.** Juvenile is no kid anymore. He's been a gangster rapper for almost 15 years, and his last record, Reality Check, about Hurricane Katrina was a huge hit, topping the Billboard 200 chart. His latest is another solid effort. It lacks much of the social commentary that made his last record great, but it's loaded with thoughtful beats, infectious rhymes and strong songwriting. My Money Don't Fold is probably the best track here — its slow, southern style is a throwback to some of Juvenile's earlier work.

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**The Boss back New Jersey's gay marriage bill**

Bruce Springsteen, left, posted a statement on his website urging support of the gay marriage bill that's up for a vote in New Jersey's Senate yesterday. Springsteen wrote that he's long believed in and has "always spoken out for the rights of same-sex couples." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Spectacular start to Spectacle

## Second season of Costello's show starts off with Bono

**Elvis Costello is opening the second season of his interview show with a bang or, more accurately, a Bono.**

One-half of U2 — Bono and the Edge — will be the first guests when the second season of Costello's show, Spectacle, launches tomorrow (CTV, 10 p.m. ET).

The British-born, Vancouver-based Costello introduces the Dublin band as the "last rock stars" during the show, which he taped at Toronto's storied Masonic Temple.

The band performed album tracks (Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of, Stay (Faraway, So Close!)) and a lesser-known gem (Two Shots of Happy, One Shot of Sad) which Bono says he wrote for Frank Sinatra. They then joined in a medley of their recent single Get On Your Boots with Costello's classic Pump It Up.

Costello, meanwhile, adopted the tone of a carnival barker as he closed out a version of Mysterious Ways and introduced the rockers — Bono clad in a brown leather jacket and V-neck T-shirt, with translucent wrap-around shades obscuring his eyes, Edge with a Western-style button-down shirt and ears tucked under one of his signature toques.

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**Spectacle airs tomorrow night**

As they chatted, Costello was brought back to the first time he ever heard U2.

Elvis Costello and the Attractions were headlining the Rock on the Tyne festival at International Stadium in Gateshead, England. They were at the "back end up of our pop star moment," and U2 was among a group of bands who took the stage before him.

"They were a rocket ship waiting to take off," Costello told The Canadian Press in a recent telephone interview from New York.

Costello's interview show has become something of a prominent stage for the 55-year-old musician.

Spectacle averaged 506,000 viewers during its first season on CTV, according to BBM Nielsen numbers provided by the network. That places it among the top 10 best-rated new shows in Canada last season.

His star-studded seven-episode second season will feature New Jersey rock stalwart Bruce Springsteen (whom Costello cites as one of his own influences), Sheryl Crow, Lyle Lovett, Neko Case, Nick Lowe and Canadian Ron Sexsmith.

Costello says he's feeling more comfortable as host now with a full season behind him.

"I don't doubt there's a little more fluency to it," he said, before adding: "Still, I can find fault with anything I do."

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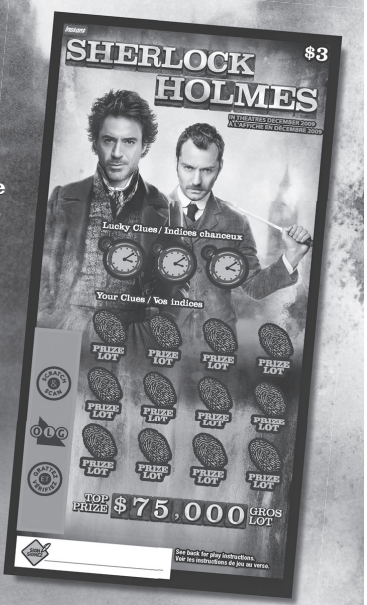


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**Family Ties actor goes to court**

A former cast member of the 1980s television show Family Ties was due in court in Boulder, Colo., Wednesday. Twenty-eight-year-old Brian Bonsall was arrested after he allegedly got into a fight at an apartment Saturday and hit a friend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Canada's coat couture

## Ten homegrown designers give the country's iconic cloak a makeover

**It may be the closest thing Canada has to a national costume — and it has just undergone an extreme makeover.**

The famous Hudson's Bay Co. blanket coat, the iconic striped wool coat that's still available for purchase in its traditional format, has been remodelled into a fashion statement by 10 of Canada's top designers.

"We were looking for a collaboration so we could do something special around the Olympics to get the brand out there and also promote Canadian fashion design to the world," says Bay fashion director Suzanne Timmins.

So a collection of "flawed" Hudson's Bay coats that had never made the sales floor because of their imperfections, were given to 10 local fashion designers to be reconfigured into something that reflected the coat's traditions, as well as the designer's esthetic.

Designers including Comrags, Jeremy Laing, Canada's Todd Lynn (living in London) and Montrealer Erdem Moralioglu, also based in London, participated in the project. Timmins insists there were no creative limitations.

They could keep it real or be completely fanciful, she says. Joyce Gunhouse and Judy Cornish, the names behind the Comrags label, created a sweeping floor-length coat with a detachable bustle.

Erdem created one of his famous capes. And Laing's coat was chic, urban and asymmetrical.

None of the coats will be offered for sale, though Timmins admits she was so taken with the results of the collaboration that she is considering the possibility of putting some into production.

The problem is that this textile is created and manufactured exclusively for HBC. The company would have to source a different material for the coats, she says. The 10 coats will be on display at the downtown store until Christmas, then move on to the Canada House lounge in their downtown Vancouver store.

Timmins is a fan of the coat and its remarkable history in Canada. "It was our first currency — trading blankets for furs.

Comrags, above, and Klaxon Howl, below.

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## Mix of Six

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Oh Susanna, Jim Cuddy and others perform at Hugh's Room, 2261 Dundas St. W., at 8:30 p.m. $20-$22. hughsroom.com.

**PERFORMANCE**
Dancers from So You Think You Can Dance Canada perform at the Air Canada Centre at 7:30 p.m. ticketmaster.ca

**MUSIC**
Moneen is joined by Sights & Sounds for an all-ages show at The Mod Club, 722 College St. $15. themodclub.com and ticketmaster.ca.

**ART**
The King Tut exhibit continues its run at the Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W. ago.net

**THEATRE**
Robin Hood, The Environmental Family Musical is being staged at the Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge St. $55-$79. rosspetty.com.

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**Jennifer to play Adam's Eve**

Jennifer Aniston will play Adam Sandler's wife in a new movie. The actress is reportedly in negotiations to star in a new romantic comedy. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

# Old friends tackle post-apartheid

**Nelson Mandela made it clear that Morgan Freeman was the man he would want to play him in a film.**

When it came time to play Mandela in Invictus, Freeman told producing partner Lori McCreary that he had two men in mind to direct the film, which dramatizes Mandela's partnership with a South African rugby star (played by Matt Damon) to rally their post-apartheid countrymen behind the team's underdog quest for the 1995 World Cup.

"I said, 'I can only think of two. Clint Eastwood, and then there's Clint Eastwood.' He's the best director I know," Freeman says of the filmmaker who gave him a plum role in Unforgiven and an Academy Award-winning part in Million Dollar Baby.

Freeman's comment comes moments before Eastwood enters the room for a joint interview, amiable banter and wisecracks ensuing as the two longtime friends and colleagues talk about their third collaboration.

Informed of the compliment Freeman had just paid him as his only choice to direct Invictus, Eastwood shoots back: "That's very kind of him. He's obviously a man of very good taste and selectivity in life."

Freeman follows with a reminder that Eastwood had once "stood up in public with a microphone and called me the best actor in the world."

The exchange continues: Eastwood: "That was right after I told Matt that he was the best actor in the world."

Freeman: "Doesn't matter . . . You always go for the best."

Eastwood: "I do pride myself on that. I believe in surrounding myself with the very best people, and that cuts down the margin for error, and that covers my inadequacies."

Freeman: "And he says, he can stand back and let them do their thing, then take all the credit."

With Invictus, Freeman was the first man on board, sending the script Eastwood's way, hoping his friend would want to direct.

Freeman had been meeting with Mandela since the 1990's with the idea of adapting the jailed-activist-turned-president's memoir Long Walk to Freedom for the big-screen. Then journalist John Carlin told Freeman about his book, Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Made a Nation, recounting the new South African president's cheerleading that united whites and blacks behind the national rugby team.

The effort defined the healing spirit Mandela brought to the nation, Freeman says.

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Unforgiven buddies Eastwood and Freeman back in the saddle for Invictus, which opens in theatres tomorrow.

**Invictus opens in theatres tomorrow**

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**The Border**

What's coltan? It's an ore from which tantalum, used in electronics, is extracted. Like diamonds, it can be obtained from both clean and questionable sources. The Democratic Republic of Congo falls in the latter column because the coltan trade is linked to the violence there. In this new episode, Kessler, Darnell and Charlotte (James McGowan, Jim Codrington, Daisy Beaumont) discover a Canadian link to a Congolese coltan smuggling operation. 9 PM on CBC

**Bones**

Brennan and Booth (Emily Deschanel, David Boreanaz) investigate after a man dressed as Santa Claus is blown up following a botched bank robbery. On the home front, Brennan's father (guest star Ryan O'Neal) invites a distant relative, Margaret Whitesell (guest star Zooey Deschanel, Emily's real-life sister), to spend Christmas with him and his daughter. Tamara Taylor also stars in the new episode "The Goop on the Girl." 8 PM on FOX

## In brief

**IDOL'S VOTING QUESTIONED**

Clay Aiken received a lot of votes as an American Idol contestant and eventual runner-up. Now, it's his lone vote that's drawing attention in North Carolina. The Wake County Board of Elections scheduled a meeting Wednesday to examine a complaint questioning Aiken's voter registration in the county.

**DEATH** Movie producer Tyler Perry says his mother, Willie Maxine Perry, has died. Tyler Perry announced the news of the Tuesday and thanked fans for their prayers.

**DUKING IT OUT** A charitable trust set up by The Dukes of Hazzard creator has filed a new $15 million federal lawsuit against Warner Bros., claiming the studio and its television production company shortchanged it on royalties stemming from the hit series. A federal judge had dismissed the trustee's previous lawsuit in July on jurisdiction issues.

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# Woo Buffet: Gluttony on a plate

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**Rating:** ●●½
**Dinner & drinks for 2:** $65

Woo is similar to Mandarin in that it's pink and gray and offers hot and cold foods for a fixed price (Sun-Thurs-$20.95, Fri-Sat-$23.95).

What is noticeably different is the decor — they've tried to go upscale with lots of glass — and feel. Loud music plays while young servers/hostesses pass, dressed as if heading to a club.

The menu selection is Pan-Asian — Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese and Thai — with Deviled Eggs, Potato Salad and jello thrown in.

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Buffets usually bring to mind gluttonous behaviour, but I appreciate the opportunity to try lots of different items and choose the amount I want.

My first go round I have: Spicy Bean Sprouts, Shrimp Cocktail, Mango Salad, Striploin Roast, Beef Ho Fun Flat Rice Noodle, Green Beans, Szechuan Chicken Stirfry and Lemongrass Porkchop.

Next up I have various maki, Shanghai Noodles and a bowl of Pho.

Some dishes are fantastic, like anything pork and chicken. The Pho, however, is terrible (a cinnamon-y broth topped with luncheon meat) as is the Shrimp Cocktail.

About half of the dishes are fresh and lively, while the rest are overcooked, lukewarm or simply disappointing. So choose what you like and leave what you don't. It's that simple.

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Buffet Dinner on Friday ($23.95).

## Global Peasant blog online

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## Dining out

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**TAKE TWO**
Many restaurants have opened up second locations — making it easier for you to get the food you want where you want it. Recently, Hashimoto, Le Papillon, Milagro, Mitzi's and Rodney's have expanded to serve you. And there's more to come. Stay tuned…

## In brief

**CHEAPO VINO** LCBO 2010 by Rod Phillips ($19.95). With 200 new entries, it ought to keep you occupied for a while.

**FOODIE GIFTS** Need something for the gourmand on your list? Kurtz Orchards at Bayview Village (2901 Bayview Ave.) features handmade goodies from Niagara-on-the-Lake. There's dressings, tapenades, gift baskets and more. Go to fruitoftheland.com for info.

**Hilton's humble adobe invaded**
Nicky Hilton has been burgled, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The break-in at the blonde socialite's Hollywood home was reported at 3.30 p.m. Tuesday and a host of expensive items were stolen. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

# Nicolas Cage's ex suing his pants off

**NO, ANYTHING BUT THE YACHTS!** Nicolas Cage's financial and legal nightmare continues to grow, people.com reports.

Christina Fulton, mother of Cage's eldest child Weston, 18, is suing the actor for fraud and breach of contract, alleging she's been caught in the web of his financial mismanagement and is now more than $1.2 million US in debt herself, Los Angeles court papers show.

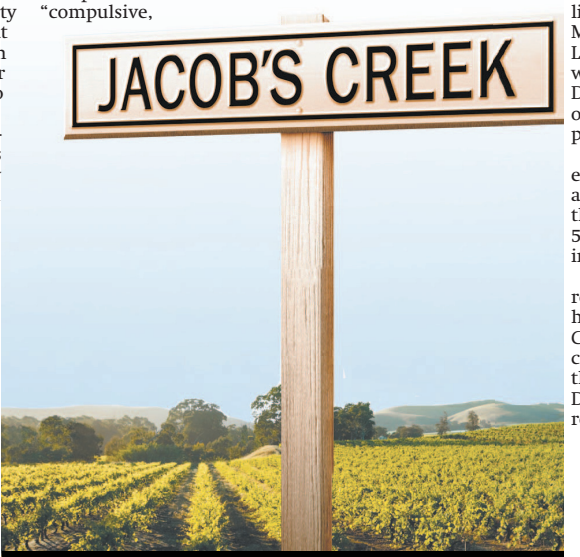
Cage stated in an October lawsuit he faces financial ruin after allegedly being duped by a former accountant, Samuel Levin. The actor currently owes $6.3 million in back taxes, recently defaulted on a $2 million loan, and has begun a massive sell-off of homes, cars, yachts and other possessions to recoup his losses.

Fulton, 42, a former actress, says she was provided an L.A. home years ago by Cage in exchange for raising Weston, and believed the property was under her name. That is until September, when Cage allegedly served her with a 60-day notice to get out.

Fulton says that because of Cage and Levin's negligence, she now owes the IRS more than $1 million, in addition to $250,000 in unpaid credit card debt. She says the credit card was supposed to be paid off regularly by Cage and that fraudulent charges were racked up by a staffer hired by the actor who didn't undergo a sufficient background check.

All told, Fulton says damages to her exceed $13 million.

Levin, the accountant, has countersued Cage, stating the actor's financial collapse was due to his "compulsive, self-destructive spending." METRO WORLD NEWS



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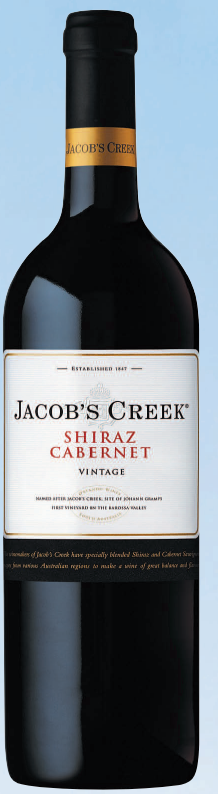


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# Madonna's three kids dance it out on stage

**MADGE'S OWN DANCE DANCE REVOLUTION** It looks like that it won't just be Madonna's daughter Lourdes featuring in her work — four-year-old son David has revealed a love of the superstar's work, people.com reports.

"He knows every song, every word, every step, and he wants to wear all the costumes," Madonna, 51, told the British morning show GMTV.

Coming after stage-ready Lourdes, 13, joined her mom in the video for Celebration, performing clearly runs in the family. During her recent Sticky & Sweet world tour, Madonna's nine-year-old son with director Guy Ritchie, Rocco joined her on stage.

"When he jumped on stage to dance in my last show, I was shocked actually," she said.

"And secretly, unbeknownst to me, they're all studying privately with my dancers. And Rocco comes out and busts out like a moonwalk or you know, some kind of break-dancing move.

"He's always been quite shy so I was shocked when he wanted to be in the show." METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity tweets

Paris Hilton comes out strongly against burglary, Stan Lee laments his inability to ask for money, Tom Arnold breaks the rules, and John Cleese got through eye surgery despite the pressure from his fans.

• @parishilton I HATE people who steal! It's so wrong! I hope they catch whoever did this! There has been so many robberies lately. So scary!

• @smilinstanlee Here's proof I'm a lousy businessman: Other guys become movie stars and get rich. I become a cameo star-- and get thank you's.

• @TomArnold In Shanghai doing @Asia_Uncut - nice people but Twitter banned here, oops

• @JohnCleese All well, the deed was done, and I can now see again... just... thank you all for your prayers and death threats (you know who you are). METRO WORLD NEWS

## Barton is okay with kissing girls

**GIRLS ARE EASY** Mischa Barton finds it peculiar that she's often asked to lock lips with another girl onscreen — she's done it three times in her young career — but she doesn't think it's a bad thing, according to Hollyscoop. "I don't know why that keeps coming up," says Barton. "It doesn't annoy me that much. It's so much easier to kiss another girl. You're so much more relaxed filming and you can have a laugh. It can get a bit tense with a guy." METRO WORLD NEWS

# Tequila shoots to the altar

**SALT. TEQUILA. LIME. I DO.** Tila Tequila is getting married to Johnson & Johnson heiress Casey Johnson — or so she said Wednesday morning in a rambling USTREAM video, usmagazine.com reports.

"We have an announcement," the 27-year-old MTV reality star began. "...So are you ready for this big announcement that's going to change our lives?

"I love you guys so much, we are giving you the exclusive first — Tila army fans — tonight, my girlfriend has asked me to marry her!"

She then flashed a "17-carat diamond ring from my baby." METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Rihanna's secret silver screen wish

**KISSES DON'T LIE** Rihanna wouldn't mind giving acting a try. And she has just the role for herself. "I'd love to be an assassin. Either that or a lesbian. Maybe both! Hey, a gay assassin, there's nothing hotter than that," she tells the Daily Star.

When asked who she'd like to play her onscreen girlfriend, the singer insists, "Megan Fox – hands down. She's yummy." METRO WORLD NEWS

# Fergie thinks about having children

**A FERGALICIOUS FAMILY** Possibly hoping to put their recent alleged cheating scandal behind them, Fergie says she and Josh Duhammel are ready to start a family.

"Am I getting broody? Oh, definitely," she tells British Cosmopolitan. "I want to finish this tour first before trying to start a family." METRO WORLD NEWS

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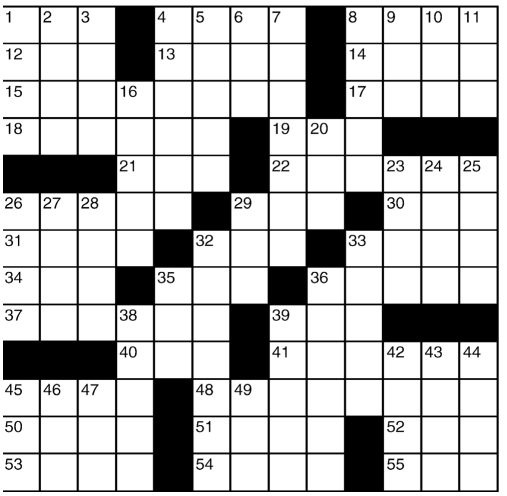

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## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Quick Garlic Pasta Sauce

Submitted by:
Debra Nasuti,
Winnipeg, MB

**INGREDIENTS:**

1 Cup olive oil
1/4 Cup water
3 Tablespoon paprika
6 Clove garlic chopped fine (more if desired)
1/2 Teaspoon salt (adjust to your taste)
2 Teaspoon parsley chopped
1/2 Cup grated parmesan cheese
1/2 chili pepper chopped fine (optional)

**METHOD:**

1. Heat oil and water over low heat. Add garlic and fry gently you do not want to burn the garlic. Add paprika, salt, and chili peppers (if you choose) and fry for 5 minutes. Keep stirring another 5 minutes. Paprika will thicken to a sauce like texture. Turn heat up slowly over the 5 minutes and watch that it does not burn.

2. Pour over pasta of your choice. Add the cheese and parsley and toss.

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**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
Your confidence may be lower than usual but bear in mind that what seems low to you still seems high to most other people.

**TAURUS**
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
There are some suspicious things going on at the moment and you can't help but wonder if someone is plotting against you. Don't overreact.

**GEMINI**
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
Like it or not you will have to admit that someone you thought you could trust has been taking advantage of your generous nature.

**CANCER**
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
In the greater scheme of things coincidences are rare, so be on your guard if a dangerous pattern seems to be repeating itself.

**LEO**
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
Hard luck stories will be two-a-penny today, but not one of them is true. A little suspicion is no bad thing.

**VIRGO**
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
It's good to speak your mind, of course, but if you are wise you won't say anything too outrageous today.

**LIBRA**
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
Come and go as you please today and ignore those who say you should stay where you are and see to your responsibilities.

**SCORPIO**
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
The only real danger today is that you might be a bit too forgiving for your own good. It might send the wrong signal.

**SAGITTARIUS**
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
Don't worry too much if a loved one is difficult to get along with today because there is absolutely nothing wrong with your relationship.

**CAPRICORN**
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
If you are finding it hard to reach an agreement with someone about a business-related issue you are advised to leave it a day or two.

**AQUARIUS**
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
By all means use your imagination and find ways to boost your wealth and wellbeing, but avoid wishful thinking.

**PISCES**
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**
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**Chocolate Almond Profiteroles are a great after dinner snack and Easy Pepper Dip, right, goes great before any meal.**

## Chocolate Almond Profiteroles

**INGREDIENTS:**
75 ml (1/3 cup) ground almonds
250 ml (1 cup) water
125 ml (1/2 cup) butter, cut into cubes
15 ml (1 tbsp) granulated sugar
Pinch salt
250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
4 eggs

**FILLING INGREDIENTS**
250 ml (1 cup) 18 per cent table cream or 10 per cent half-and-half cream
30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
15 ml (1 tbsp) cornstarch
2 eggs
90 g (3 oz) bittersweet dark chocolate, chopped
5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla
175 ml (3/4 cup) sliced almonds, toasted

**DRIZZLE INGREDIENTS**
60 g (2 oz) bittersweet dark chocolate, chopped
75 ml (1/3 cup) 18 per cent table cream or 10 per cent half-and-half cream

**METHOD:**

• In a medium saucepan, toast almonds over medium heat, stirring constantly, for about 2 minutes or until golden and fragrant. Transfer to a bowl; set aside.

• In same saucepan, combine water, butter, sugar and salt; bring to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat and add flour and toasted almonds. With a wooden spoon, stir vigorously until a ball of dough forms and comes away from the sides of the pan.

• Add 1 of the eggs and stir vigorously until incorporated. Repeat, adding eggs one at a time, beating until dough is smooth, paste-like and slightly shiny.

• Bake in top and bottom third of oven rotating pans halfway for about 20 minutes or until puffed and golden and they sound hollow when tapped on the bottom.

• Turn oven off. Remove baking sheets from oven; with the tip of a paring knife, poke a slit in the side of each profiterole. Let stand for 15 minutes. Filling: In a small saucepan, heat cream over medium heat until steaming. In a bowl, whisk sugar with cornstarch; whisk in eggs until blended. Gradually whisk hot cream into egg mixture in thin, steady stream.

• Return to saucepan. Cook over medium-low, whisking constantly for 3 to 8 minutes or until thick. Stir in chocolate and vanilla until melted. Transfer to a cool bowl; place plastic wrap directly on the surface and refrigerate until chilled, 1 to 2 hours or for up to 2 days.

• Chocolate Drizzle: In a heatproof bowl set over a saucepan of simmering water, melt chocolate and cream, stirring until smooth; keep warm.

• To serve: Cut profiteroles in half crosswise, almost but not all the way through. Spoon about 15 ml (1 tbsp) filling into each profiterole, sprinkle with toasted almonds and cover with profiterole top. Place 3 on each serving plate.

**MAKES ABOUT 8 SERVINGS**

## Easy Pepper Dip

**INGREDIENTS:**
1 jar (375 ml/13 fl oz) roasted bell peppers, drained
1 clove garlic, minced
Olive oil
Salt and pepper

**METHOD:**

• Puree roasted peppers with garlic until smooth. Drizzle in just a touch of olive oil while pureeing until you have your desired consistency (thicker than a sauce), then season to taste and chill until ready to serve.

**MAKES 250 ML (1 CUP)**

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GL Sport model shown

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Limited model shown

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• Power door locks • 60/40 split fold-down rear seat

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